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# WE'RE FACING BEING PRICED OUT OF HOME

SECOND-homeowners in the district are pricing out locals by pushing up property values and making the area increasingly unaffordable to those on low incomes.

The conclusion follows a study by the National Housing Federation, whose poll placed Dover as the fifth worst for second-home ownership in the South East.

It is feared that pubs, shops and village stores could all close due to declining demand from families who can no longer afford to live in the area.

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

The problems in the Dover district could be exacerbated by the launch of the high-speed rail link as wealthy commuters move to the area or London workers buy a holiday home for the weekends.

Warren Finney, regional manager for the National Housing Federation, said: "It is clear that traditional village life is under threat of terminal decline, with respondents confirming that they are seeing their local services like shops, pubs and local schools disappear from their own areas."

"South East house prices are tough in general, but in rural parts of the region they average 14 times local incomes - it's really no wonder that families and young people are being forced out of their communities."

"Now it falls to local authorities to properly assess the true extent of rural housing need, at village level, and draw up action plans to meet that need. Otherwise there's a very real danger that traditional village life will disappear."

According to the poll, second homes in the Dover district make up 2.43 per cent of all housing, with Chichester in West Sussex the worst at 5.3 per cent.



## ICE QUEEN WARMS UP WINTER CROWD

An ice queen on stilts was one of the main attractions as Dover celebrated the start of the Christmas festivities on Saturday.

A day of events was staged in the town centre, including music, fairground rides, sideshows and a group of reindeer before former Young Ones star Adrian Edmondson turned on the lights.

The actor is appearing as Captain Hook in this year's Canterbury pantomime, which is being staged in the purpose-built Marlowe Arena while the theatre itself is being improved.

Town mayor Sue Jones was also on hand to wish shoppers and visitors a merry Christmas as she strolled through the town with Santa.

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# Volunteers off to Calais to give immigrant aid

BY MARIJKE COX

CHARITY workers pressing for better human rights for refugees are heading to Calais to offer support to immigrants in the run-up to Christmas.

Delegates from Kent Refugee Help will hand out clothes, sleeping bags and blankets to immigrants left sleeping on the streets after The Jungle was torn down in September by the French authorities.

Kate Adams, a volunteer with the charity, said the group aimed to work with the No Borders Network, an organisation which protests against human migration controls.

Representatives from the network are already based in Calais.

Ms Adams said: "Kent Refugee Help usually works with people who have been detained, but we want to show some solidarity and work with No Borders by taking direct action."

Zoe Wilkinson, an independent aid worker from Deal, is also going.

The 29-year-old said: "We're going to try to help immigrants living around Calais. When The Jungle was torn down, they lost their homes."

"With winter coming, we want to make things a bit easier for them."

Ms Wilkinson denies that this kind of help encourages immigrants to the French border, subsequently encouraging people-traffickers.

"There are always going to be human-traffickers trying to make money out of others," she said.

"I don't think giving people clothes encourages them to go there, it's just about human rights and helping the people who are going there anyway."

"No one can argue that helping people in this situation is bad."

"We're funding a lot of it ourselves, along with help from the United Nations Association."



DESPERATE: Young Afghan asylum-seeker Dil Khan in The Jungle at Calais earlier this year

Refugees fleeing their home countries are advised to claim asylum in the first country in which they arrive – but many are thought to head straight to the UK.

Ms Wilkinson said: "Many of the immigrants seek asylum in other countries, but there were cases in Italy and Greece where they were treated very badly."

"Britain is not perfect for human rights, but it is a lot better than some other countries."

"The refugees are very open about what they want. Many are trying to get the right to work and papers to be able to stay here."

"Some are fleeing their countries because of persecution and fear for their lives."

"We just want to go over to Calais and support No Borders by offering them some sort of support."

The delegation plans to go to Calais on Sunday, and Yourdover will be carrying a full report.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Great Tower facelift pulls in the visitors

DOVER Castle has seen a growth in visitors for the first time in five years.

The figures have been calculated since the Great Tower reopened in August after a £2.45 million facelift.

The number of visitors in the three-month period following the attraction opening was 117,000 – 20,000 up on the number for the equivalent period of the previous year.

### Tickets on sale for mayor's festive bash

THE Mayor of Dover's Yuletide Ball is to take place on Friday, December 18, at the town hall.

It will include a three-course meal and music by Just One More.

Tickets cost £25 and can be bought from the town council offices at Maison Dieu House.

Alternatively, phone bookings can be made by calling 01304 242625.

### East Kent gets £87m of road improvements

WORK is under way on an £87 million improvement boost to the roads network in east Kent.

The scheme will bypass the A256 and a roundabout near Richborough power station will be built.

The vast majority of the funding – £82 million – has been provided by the Government, with Kent County Council supplying the remainder.

The new road will be open in 2012.

### Treated beach water proves a clear winner

THE beaches at Sandwich Bay, Deal and St Margaret's Bay have all met European standards of water quality for safe bathing.

The good quality is largely the result of an investment by Southern Water across the region in which waste water is treated before it is allowed to enter the sea or go into other watercourses.

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# Healthy boost makes castle 'jewel in crown'

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

DOVER Castle is the "jewel in the crown" of Kent's tourist economy and represents the "start of a historical and cultural renaissance along the county's coast".

The verdict came from Visit Kent's chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh, who was at the castle's Great Tower to announce the success of its £2.45 million investment.

Almost 117,000 visitors have passed through its refurbished halls, which have been transformed with rich and colourful furnishings and holograms to recreate Henry II's court in 1186.

In August, some 62,680 people flocked to see the attraction, an increase of 49 per cent on the same month last year, with visits by English Heritage members up by 89 per cent.

Steve Lang, head of visitor operations at Dover Castle, said the figures proved the money had been well spent.

"We've already seen that it's started to increase the average duration of the visitors here, which is really good news for the whole of Dover and Kent, making sure that when the visitors did stay longer they would actually be staying in Dover overnight.

"We would then convert this from a one-day visit to a two-day visit, which would benefit B&Bs, restaurants and the town as a whole."

Ms Marsh-Matthews said: "I think we are very much standing at probably one of the top two or three most significant buildings in the UK in terms of our heritage.



**KING OF THE CASTLE:** Sandra Matthews-Marsh crowns Steve Lang, the head of visitor operations at Dover Castle

"You're standing where Churchill would have stood – and the Henrys – and to feel that history come alive is really fantastic.

"We view Dover Castle as absolutely one of the jewels in the Kent tourism crown. If you came here in 1983 [when English Heritage first took over] you would not have seen a fraction of the visitor facilities that we've got here now.

"English Heritage is not all about conserving the stones, it's about bringing history alive and that is embodied right here at the castle."

The tourism industry is worth £2.5 billion to

Kent, making up about nine per cent of the county's GDP. Visitor numbers have increased by 20 per cent in the past year, due to more people holidaying at home.

Ms Marsh-Matthews said: "At a time when communities are fractured, tourism is not just about jobs and creating economic wealth, it's about community cohesion.

"Staycation is with us to stay and we will find that bringing more Continental visitors to us is a great opportunity for Kent and Dover, right at the gateway of Europe."

## Jimmy brings his wit back to town

COMEDIAN Jimmy Carr is returning to Folkestone on a new tour, and there just a few tickets remaining.

His Rapier Wit show takes him back to the Leas Cliff Hall after a 4,500-strong audience at the venue saw him perform his Joke Technician tour in April last year.

Explaining the title, he said: "A rapier is the long sword of a gentleman. Rapier wit is defined as clever, quick, intelligent humour.

"Please note, Jimmy Carr doesn't have the long sword of a gentleman – and even if you like him, 'clever, quick and intelligent' is a bit of a stretch."

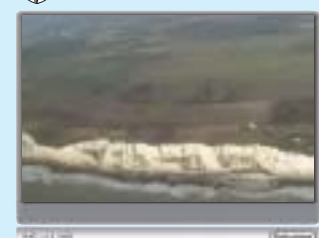
Tickets for the show – on Saturday, May 1 – are priced at £23.50.



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## Medal honour for widow of lost Gurkha

THE wife of a Gurkha soldier who lost his life to a suicide bomber in Afghanistan has received a medal in his honour.

Parbati Pun, from Dover, accepted the Elizabeth Cross on behalf of Corporal Kumar Pun from Major General Robert Lamont Kirkland.

The Elizabeth Cross is a new award introduced by The Queen this year. It is granted to the next of kin of armed forces personnel killed on operations or as a result of terrorism.

This is the first time that the name of a reigning monarch has been given to an award since the George Cross was instituted in 1940 by King George VI. The Victoria Cross was introduced by Queen Victoria in 1856 for acts of gallantry by the armed forces.

Next of kin will receive the Elizabeth Cross – a sterling silver emblem in the shape of a cross over a wreath – plus a memorial scroll signed by The Queen which will bear the name of the person who died.

An Army statement released after his death said that Corporal Kumar was a first-class soldier who loved soldiering and embraced the challenges that it posed.

## Envelope from the moon lands safely before it sales away

A FOLKESTONE stamp company is over the moon after winning an auction for a rare envelope which travelled to space aboard one of the Apollo missions.

Buckingham Covers, in Shearway Road, bought the collectors' item, which flew to the moon with NASA astronauts in 1971, for an undisclosed amount against fierce competition.

The envelope, called a 'cover' was taken aboard Apollo 15 by mission commander Col David R Scott, possibly hidden in his spacesuit.

Company chairman Tony Buckingham said: "I am thrilled that this piece of history has come into our hands.

"Only about 500 covers have ever made this journey and to have one here in Kent is very exciting."

The cover was posted the morning before Apollo 15 took off and again on the day it landed.

It was signed by all three crew members, Dave Scott, Al Worden and the late Jim Irvin.



**COVER STORY:** The envelope has landed

Along with the cover is a letter about its journey by Jim Irvin, a letter of authenticity from NASA and a certificate signed by Dave Scott, numbering it 223 out of 400.

Mr Buckingham said: "It is unlikely I will see something like this again.

"All my staff are asking to have their photo taken with it. For a space collector, this is the holy grail."

Buckingham Covers will display the rare cover for a short period to collectors before offering it for sale, with all accompanying paperwork, for £12,500.

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## Woman accosted

POLICE have released an edit of a man they would like to speak to in connection with an alleged accosting incident near Dover.

A 50-year-old woman was walking in Dover Road, Guston, at 9am on Wednesday, November 18, when a car passed her slowly and stopped just ahead of her.

As she approached, the passenger window opened and the driver called to her to get in out of the wind. She refused, but he persisted. She managed to get away and go home.

The man is described as white, aged in his 30s, around 6ft tall, of slim build and with a bald head. The car was a small silver, five-door hatchback.

Anyone with information can phone PC Toni Collins on 01304 850055 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



EFIT: Slim and bald

## Hunt for pervert

DETECTIVES investigating an attempted sexual assault in Dover have released an edit of the offender.

An 18-year-old woman was walking in Elms Vale Road, Dover, at 3.20am on Saturday, November 14, when she was approached by a man who asked for the time. He followed her, grabbed her and tried to sexually assault her, but she ran to safety.

He is described as a "dark European" man of stocky build, aged in his 30s, 5ft 9in tall with short black cropped hair. He was wearing a black jacket.

Anyone with information can phone PC Caroline Cornock on 01303 850055 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



EFIT: Offender

# Bid to put power lines below ground and spare landscape

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

MILES of power lines stretching across Romney Marsh could be a thing of the past if a national campaign by environmental groups is a success.

Protect Kent, which is also known as the Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, is among those calling for the high-voltage cables to be buried underground and out of sight.

The estimated 230-mile stretch of cables running from Dungeness to Exeter in Devon is one of three main lines targeted nationally; it goes through the New Forest and South Downs national parks and a number of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

According to National Grid figures, there are already 550 pylons in national parks, with

plans to build even more. This would include those on a new 95-kilometre line from Lydd to south London, with the possibility of another if a new reactor at Dungeness is built.

Sean Furey, deputy director of Protect Kent, said: "There are quite a few, it seems now, and they are most intrusive."

"In terms of the impact they blight the landscape, but there are also health considerations if you live close to a high-voltage line."

"In the end, like anything else, it comes down to money and whether the political will be can found."

The CPRE, in alliance with the Campaign for National Parks, Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales and the National Association for

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is calling for the lines' dismantlement.

It said that the group's proposals would take down the majority of pylons in national parks but that replacing them with underground or undersea cables, or re-routing the lines, would need major upfront investment.

### Investment

It is proposed that less than 10 per cent of the network's total mileage be buried, that the work be carried out gradually over two or three decades and that energy regulator Ofgem encourage the additional necessary investment.

Energy company EDF has already put one-and-a-half miles of low-voltage lines underground near St Margaret's at Cliffe in a £380,000 project made possible through an allowance from Ofgem.

## SUPPORT IN HARD TIMES

A group of women have proved they can beat the recession by raising more than £97,000 for Pilgrims Hospices.

Earlier this year, despite warnings of hard times, a total of 850 women got out their trainers and put their best feet forward to take part in a five-mile sponsored midnight walk along Deal seafront.

For some it was the second year running they had taken part in the event and it was thanks to the generosity of their family and friends and the backing of a host of local businesses that they beat their previous fund-raising total of £84,000.

Richard Warner, supporter services manager at Pilgrims Hospices, who has been busy collecting the sponsorship money, said the Pilgrims Hospices staff were overwhelmed by the generosity of local people.

He said: "Everyone told us this would be a difficult year for fund-raising because of the recession but our supporters have been unfailing in their efforts. We can't thank them enough."

Diary date for next year will be June 5 in Deal when there will also be a new name - Pilgrims Hospices Moonlight Walks.



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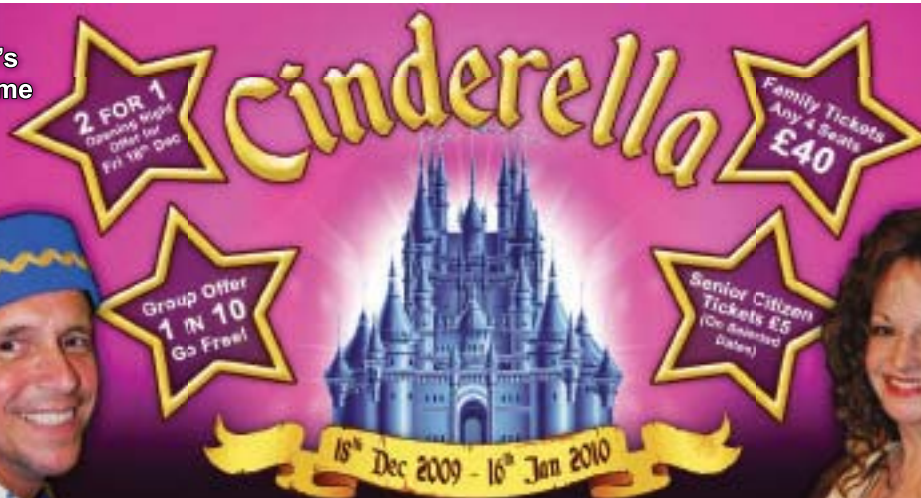
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**SO BEAUTIFUL:** The Kent Downs AONB was highly commended in the Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism Awards

# County downs are on the up in tourism awards

A **STRETCH** of the county's finest countryside has been named as the second-best destination in the world – just pipped to the post by tourist hot-spot Cape Town.

The Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which runs from the White Cliffs of Dover to the London and Surrey borders, was highly commended in the Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism Awards.

It is one of the most prestigious and competitive award ceremonies of its kind, according to industry insiders.

Judges look for destinations that bring in maximum tourism while keeping the impact on the environment and residents to a minimum.

This year, the Kent Downs saw off 61 other competitors worldwide, beaten only by the South African city.

Experts praised the work carried out by Kent County Council and local communities in ensuring the area had remained unspoiled while continuing to attract visitors.

One judge said: "They are dedicated to the preservation of distinctive wildlife and habitats across the entire area of the Kent Downs through supporting the needs of rural industry and local communities and managing tourist activity."

Nick Johanssen, director of the Kent Downs AONB Unit, was delighted to have come second. "There was a very high level of competition in this year's awards, with 600 organisations nominated for 13 categories," he said.

■ BY NICK AMES

"Our category, best destination, had 62 nominations worldwide – we came second and were the only highly-commended destination.

"As a member of our joint advisory committee said, this is real David and Goliath stuff.

"We are a small unit and to achieve such a high award is excellent for us and for the excellent business operation in the Kent Downs."

He added: "Looked at another way, given this is a global award, we can claim to be the number-one best destination in Europe for responsible tourism."

A spokesman from Visit Kent, an organisation that promotes the county to visitors, said that rural tourism contributed more than £1 million to the Kent economy each year so awards such as this were vital.

SeaFrance Dover-Calais Ferries was also highly commended in the awards, for the best responsible ferry operator.

Its environmental work with the Marine Conservation Society and help in promoting the Pas de Calais region of France placed it head and shoulders above other firms.

Robin Wilkins, managing director of the company, said: "We are delighted to have won this prestigious accolade.

"We care about our environment and are very lucky to have staff who are passionate about responsible tourism and give up their own time to make a difference."

The awards are a collaboration between Virgin Holidays, online travel directory responsibletravel.com, The Daily Telegraph and Geographical magazine.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Empty homes strategy

DOVER council has drafted a new empty-homes strategy and would like to know the views of local residents.

The district has the second highest number of empty homes in Kent and a higher-than-average rate compared with England and the South East. From 2005 to 2009, the number of long-term empty homes rose by 41 per cent.

The new strategy will cover the period 2010 to 2015 and will support the emerging private sector housing strategy and a new housing strategy for the same period.

It will also complement the proposed street-scene strategy and help the council to support and deliver the regeneration of Dover.

The strategy recognises that empty homes are a waste of resources and they represent lost income for the property-owner and may lead to antisocial behaviour. Its target is to bring back into use 30 long-term empty homes each year over the next three years.

### Is this town's way ahead?

THE Dover Pride Regeneration Project has unveiled its building plans for a vision of the 'Future Dover' – with OneOne2 Media producing its 3D animation graphics and six-minute visionary DVD.

OneOne2 Media, which assisted Kent County Council, Dover District Council and the Dover Pride team in the production of the six-minute video, marrying real-time footage with virtual and graphic representations of the planned build, is keen to see more local authorities utilise visualisation techniques to bring their projects to life.

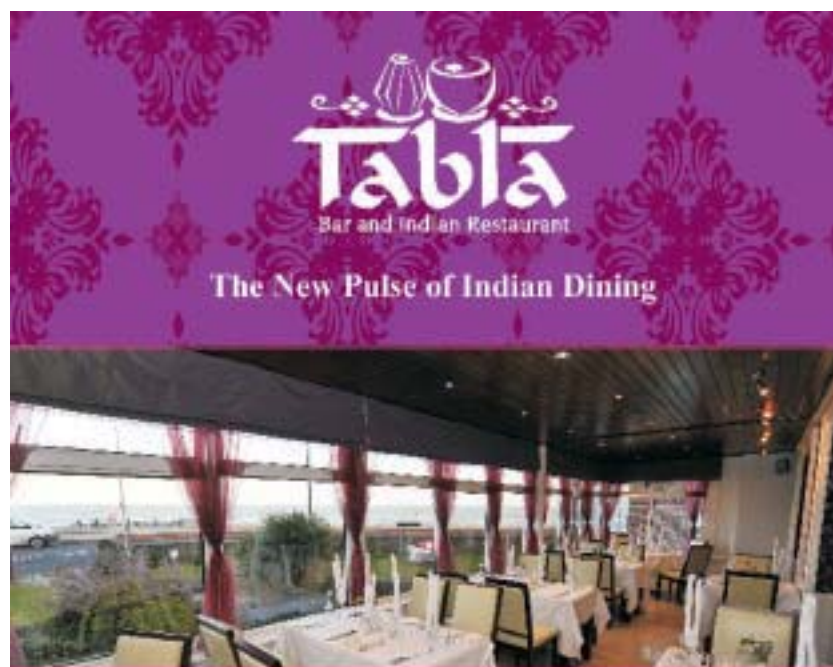
### Church's 999 celebration

THE work of the emergency services will be celebrated at a special service.

It will take place at the Church of Our Lady of Dover on the town's Buckland estate on Sunday, December 6, at 3pm.

The service is held every two years and organised by ambulance chaplain Father Peter Sherred.

All the emergency services will be represented at the service, which will be attended by the High Sheriff of Kent, Jane Rogers; Deputy Lieutenant of Kent Lady Pender; Mayor of Dover Sue Jones; and the chairman of Dover District Council, Bernard Butcher.



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## Rotary welcomes three new members

AFTER a successful invitation meeting for local businessmen and women in September, the Dover and District Rotary Club has three new members.

Pictured (from left) are Jan Butcher from Ash, who is a teacher; president Alastair Lyon; Derek Farrier from Dover, who is a funeral director; and James Gleeson, also from Dover and a restaurant owner.

The club said that members were delighted they had decided to join, increasing membership by almost 10 per cent and increasing the number of women from two to three.

A club spokesman said: "We wish them a



long and successful membership and we are happy they will contribute favourably to all our undertakings in the coming months and years."





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## Cricket still at art of Vaughan work

FORMER England cricket captain Michael Vaughan has combined his love of sport and art by creating a unique collection of work that is on display at Bluewater.

But, unlike most other artists, the 35-year-old 2005 Ashes-winning captain produced his art by ditching the conventional paintbrush and picking up a bat and ball.

Vaughan calls the technique 'art-balling' and he bowls or bats a paint-covered cricket ball – just as he might on the pitch – onto a canvas placed on the floor or wall.

The style, known as abstract expressionism or action painting, was popular between the 1940s and 1960s and made famous by artist Jason Pollock.

### Seriously

Vaughan – who retired from first-class cricket in June – said his paintings captured defining moments in his career and the drama of the sport. "At first it was a bit of fun," he said. "But the more I got into it, the more I started to take it seriously."

"I began collecting contemporary art about four years ago and then about 12 months ago one of my friends told me Martina Navratilova was using her tennis balls and racket to paint."

Vaughan decided to do the same and escaped to a warehouse shortly after retirement to create his works.

His work has already caught the eye of experts, who have billed it as "Damien Hurst meets Jackson Pollock".

Vaughan said: "The paintings show defining moments in my career. One is the moment we won the Ashes in 2005."

To see Vaughan's four limited-edition prints, go to Castle Galleries in Bluewater. Prices start at under £300. Visit [www.castlegalleries.com](http://www.castlegalleries.com).

# 'Motorists are cash cow for town halls'

■ BY MARIJKE COX

MOTORISTS' groups have accused councils of using motorists as a 'cash cow' after town halls raked in more than £6 million in parking fines over the past year.

Findings published by the TaxPayers' Alliance and the Drivers' Alliance showed the total collected by Medway Council and Kent's 12 district and borough councils in 2008-09 was £6,399,532.

The fines are levied for people parking illegally, such as on double yellow lines, and drivers who overstay on parking meters.

Fines range from £50-£70 and are halved if drivers pay up within two weeks.

Despite this being £900,999 less than the previous year, representatives from driving groups slammed the authorities for using motorists as a "money-making scheme" through on-street and off-street parking enforcement.

Ian Taylor, spokesman for the Association of British Drivers in Kent, said councils were using the county's motorists as a cash cow.

"They've had the sense not to push it further in the recession and we're thankful that some councils have frozen charges and offered free parking in some areas. But local authorities should not use fines to make money."

"We know they are worried about Government grants being cut and so they are obviously concerned about funding, but at the same time they can't rely on motorists to bring money in."

"We understand people can't just park where they like and block roads and entrances – there has to be a penalty for that and I personally think perhaps the police should enforce it."

"But councils use these penalties as part of their crusade to curtail car use and bring in funds. They estimate how much they will make each year out of penalty-charge notices and use it as part of their budget."

"If everyone became a law-abiding citizen, I wonder what this would do to their finances."

Mr Taylor said part of the problem was the high charges councils levied in car parks across the county.

"In some cases it's cheaper to park in commercial car parks," he said. "I live in Dover and the car park behind the Charlton Centre is commercially run and charges are almost half the price of the council-run car parks."

Councils say the cash raised from fines is used to pay for parking services.

## COUNCIL PARKING PENALTIES YEAR ON YEAR

COUNCIL	FINES 07/08 (£)	FINES 08/09 (£)
Ashford	348,516	271,800
Dartford	267,795	274,139
Dover	487,164	390,884
Canterbury	645,264	663,362
Gravesham	439,002	402,613
Maidstone	960,851	859,619
Medway	1,195,272	1,048,704
Sevenoaks	238,192	257,699
Shepway	369,037	451,668
Swale	307,565	256,631
Thanet	431,230	318,199
Tonbridge & Malling	385,438	261,526
Tunbridge Wells	1,225,205	942,688
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,300,531</b>	<b>£6,399,532</b>

Figures showed that Maidstone, Medway, Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells councils brought in the most money from parking penalties.

Maidstone, Medway and Tunbridge Wells have all seen a drop in the number of fines issued in the past year, but Canterbury City Council has collected £18,098 more.

Parking services manager Clive Metcalfe denied that Canterbury council was using motorists to make money.

"It is grossly inaccurate to suggest that issuing of penalty-charge notices is designed for this purpose. Penalty-charge notices that the council distribute have fallen since the council took over the service in 2000, along with the number of staff engaged in the process."

"They are only issued when a contravention of parking traffic regulations occur."

### Recession

Mr Metcalfe stated that money recovered from on-street parking fines contributed to the cost of providing the parking service which is carried out on behalf of Kent County Council.

He said: "Income from off-street parking fines is controlled and managed by the city council and goes towards its general revenue account. It's not a money-spinner."

"Our enforcement officers do not have targets. The process is designed to ensure that traffic flows freely through the district without causing a hindrance, obstruction or damage."

A spokesman from Sevenoaks District Council, whose figures showed a rise of £19,507

in fines since last year, said fines were issued to people who had chosen to park illegally.

"The council has a legal duty to enforce parking restrictions which have been introduced to improve road safety, reduce traffic jams and keep our roads clear for emergency vehicles."

"In recent months, the council has in fact been asked by communities to step up parking enforcement and, in accordance with their wishes, we have increased parking patrols in these areas by as much as 50 per cent."

"Local councils, business groups and residents have told us the additional enforcement has drastically improved parking problems in their communities."

"It is difficult to compare income between 2007-08 and 2008-09 as the pricing structure for penalty-charge notices was significantly altered by central government during this period. The cost for less serious offences was reduced, while the cost of more serious contraventions saw an increase."

"The income generated by penalty-charge notices helps to pay towards the council's parking services."

These include payments for civil enforcement officers and putting restrictions and parking bays in place.

But Peter Roberts, chief executive of the Drivers' Alliance, insists parking enforcement across the UK has become a massive money-making industry.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### AARON & HOLLY DAWKINS



**Q** So how have things been over what has for everyone in business been a difficult year?

**A** (Holly) – It's been pretty good really and I have to say we have not been that affected. But I have only just come on board so I don't have as much experience as some of the people who have been here longer.

But I will say that recession or no recession – everyone needs a hair cut don't they?

(Aaron) – We have coped well with the recession and now it looks as though things are getting better.

**Q** Has the company a philosophy when it comes to dealing with an economic downturn?

**A** (Holly) – We just make sure that what we offer is a really good service so that people will realise the quality of the work we do and so keep coming back. Building up a loyal customer base is very important and we make sure that is a major priority. A lot of our customer base is word of mouth so people will refer their friends to us.

**Q** What made you come on board?

**A** (Holly) – It really was because it was a family business. Aaron is the hairdresser, he has another couple of people with him and he is very good – as are they all in fact.

My father, Paul, used to run the business side of the operation but he has taken somewhat more of a back seat. I have taken on his



role and now I want to develop it further. I have a number of skills which I really think will help to make the business even better.

My brother is good at the hairdressing side and I think I am pretty good at everything else.

**Q** What advantages do you think a family business has over one where people have not got such close bonds but still run a small company together?

**A** (Aaron) – What a family business brings together is a high degree of trust between people who are working towards the same ends. I am not saying this cannot happen elsewhere. In fact it happens here as well, as the

non-family members work just as hard and are just as highly prized. I just feel that the family angle brings something extra.

**Q** Such as a mutual goal and an ability to know each others strengths and weaknesses prior to working?

**A** (Aaron) – Yes I think that would be a fair assessment. In recent months we have seen how times are hard yet we are doing well. Maybe when you have a group of employees who just have been brought together they may not show the same level of togetherness and the same desire to work towards a common goal. In the case of a family group you know it is all of you in it together so the desire to make sure that everything works well has got to be a strong one.

I suppose you could say it's a case that we are all looking out for each other.

**Q** Do you enjoy living and working in Deal?

**A** (Holly) – Yes, very much. I did move away for a while and then I came back so that shows I must like the place. It's a very close knit community. A lot of people know the same people and that maybe helps the business as a positive word can get around quickly when something is being highly thought of.

(Aaron) – I like it too. People are looking forward to Christmas around here and if they want to look their best for the party season I say bring it on.

**Q & A**

Aaron Dawkins runs Men's Style hairdressers in Deal and has just taken on his sister Holly. They tell **Nick Ames** that during a recession family businesses cope better than those with less of a bond between staff.

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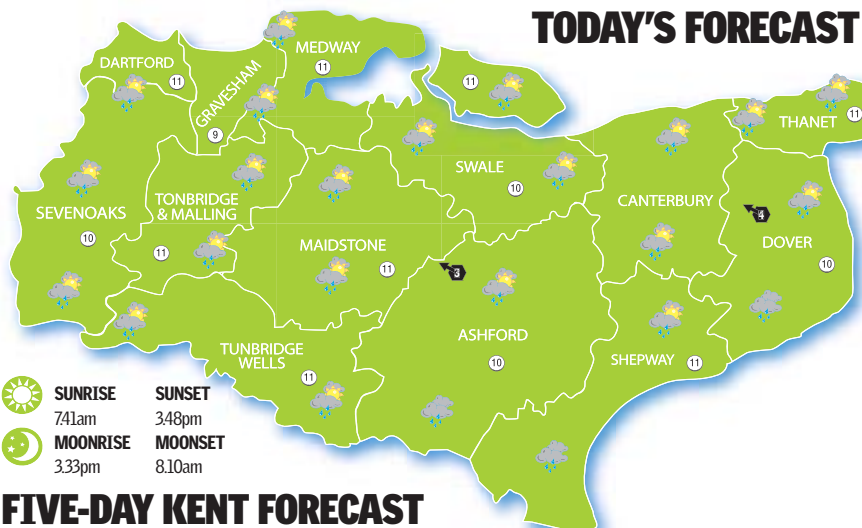
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	Sunday	1:42pm	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:42pm	7.8m
	Sunday	1:28pm	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:16pm	5.1m
	Sunday	2:12pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:27pm	5.9m
	Sunday	3:16pm	5.9m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:37pm	5.4m
	Sunday	3:26pm	5.3m

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Beijing	11°C	Rome	18°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	19°C
Cape Town	21°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	10°C
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Canterbury	8°C	11°C	9°C	9°C	9°C	Maidstone	7°C	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C
Chatham	8°C	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C	Ramsgate	8°C	11°C	9°C	9°C	9°C
Dartford	7°C	11°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	Rochester	8°C	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C
Dover	8°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	8°C	Sevenoaks	6°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	8°C
Faversham	8°C	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C	Sittingbourne	8°C	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C
Folkestone	8°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	8°C	Tonbridge	7°C	11°C	9°C	9°C	10°C
Gillingham	8°C	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C	Tun Wells	7°C	11°C	9°C	9°C	10°C

## Oars for thought as rower Hannah takes grand award

TEENAGE rower Hannah Moon has scooped £1,000 as the winner of a prestigious Taut 100 Award.

The Taut 100 is a nationwide programme sponsored by the sports drink Taut and run in conjunction with SportsAid.

Quadruple Olympic gold-medallist rower Sir Matthew Pinsent helped select Hannah, from Deal, from a short list of 100 young athletes across the country in recognition of her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to her sport.

The programme recognises young athletes who have shown extraordinary levels of excellence, passion and talent in their chosen sport – drawn from 60 Summer Olympic, 20 Winter Olympic and 20 non-Olympic disciplines.

### Determined

The most notable previous winner of a Taut 100 Award – in 2006 – was the recently-crowned world champion and Britain's youngest-ever Olympian, Tom Daley, who is 15.

He said: "Winning the Taut 100 was a massive boost and it certainly helped me get to Beijing last year. I'm sure it'll also be a big help for people like Hannah who are determined to succeed in their chosen sport."

Hannah, 17, who is the No 1 sculler in Britain, impressed the judges with her ambition and determination to succeed.

After an excellent 2008, in which she achieved a first and second place at the European Championships, her aim now is to be selected for the junior world team, achieve a medal and go on to make an impression at the 2012 Olympics.

Sir Matthew said: "Hannah has been selected to compete at each stage of the performance pathway, which shows she has achieved a consistently high level of performance."

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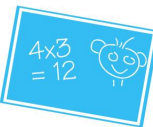
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## BREAK TIME

### Students show they have the write stuff

TWO STUDENTS from Dover College were among the winners of The Friends of The Folkestone Book Festival's short story competition, earlier this month.

Entrants were asked to write a historical short story connected to Kent. Before announcing the winners, the judges said how difficult it was to choose from the high standard of entries.

In the over-18 group, the winner was Michele Sheldon from Folkestone with The Unravelling of Mr Growler, the story of a smuggling dog, set in the town during the 19th Century.

In the younger age groups, 11-year-old James Tapsell won with a story of a small boat involved in the Dunkirk evacuation, while Daniel Hinchin, aged 12, wrote of life in the trenches during the First World War.

One of the competition's organisers Jo Oliver said: "This is the fifth year the Friends have run the competition and we are very pleased with the response."

Ed Scates, head of English at Dover College said: "The children were very keen to enter and took the project very seriously."



**HISTORY BOYS:** Dover College's winning authors Daniel Hinchin, left, and James Tapsell, right

# School receives copy of missing war memorial

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE FORMER primary school of pioneering war hero Walter Tull has been donated a copy of a war memorial based on a rediscovered photograph.

Mundella School, in Blackbull Road, was presented with the image re-created from the one featured in a picture owned by local historians Annie and Peter Bamford.

The Dover War Memorial Project, which held a year-long celebration of Tull's life, was behind the idea and came across Mundella when researching which school Tull and his brother Edward attended.

They discovered that the school, formerly known as North Board, had a Great War memorial erected naming all its old pupils but it had since disappeared. One theory is that it may have been destroyed during a bomb attack in the Second World War.

The memorial is unusual in that it not only commemorates those who lost their lives but also all those old boys who served, with Walter Tull's name appearing twice.

The project's Maggie Stephenson-Knight said: "We went round several churches and schools in the local area and did find one more war memorial from a different school but couldn't locate the one from North Board.

"We did, however, find a report that a North Board School memorial had been unveiled on Friday, April 29, 1921, by Alderman Spurgen, and was dedicated by Canon PF Tindall, in the presence of many of the relatives of those who



**PIECE OF HISTORY:** Mundella School is presented with the reproduction of the war memorial mentioning Walter Tull

had served. Eventually, news spread that we were trying to find this memorial and we got an email from Annie and Peter Bamford, of the Folkestone and District Local History Society.

"They had a picture of a memorial which they hadn't been able to identify.

"We had got a list of some of the names that appeared on the memorial, compared it with Annie and Peter's picture and discovered it was the same one."

Having received all the necessary permissions, the project set about re-creating a large A1 image of the memorial, with all the details and names clearly displayed, and presented it

to the school on Armistice Day, November 11.

Mundella head-teacher Lynn Seal organised a special assembly of the children, together with vice-chairman of governors Neil Hearn and the project's Maggie Stephenson-Knight and Simon Chambers. The school will hang the picture in the entrance hall.

Folkestone-born Walter Tull was the first black soldier in the British Army and the first black professional outfield footballer. He died in the Battle of the Somme, in 1918, aged 29.

There is more about the North Board School memorial on Dover's Virtual Memorial at [www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk](http://www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk).

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# Youth leader calls for curriculum change

■ BY MARIJKE COX

**POLITICS** should be part of the National Curriculum for schools, according to the leader of Kent Youth County Council.

Rhys George, 18, told KOS Media that education was key for young people to have a better understanding of the political system. "We are the next generation," he said.

"It's so important that young people understand what's going on so they have a voice."

"The youth council has been pushing for political education to be on the syllabus at school for year-seven pupils and upwards."

## Support

"We've got Government ministers' support and have been speaking to people to see what we can do."

Rhys's comments came as the newly-elected members of the youth council were announced yesterday, naming the young people who will represent youngsters across Kent.

There were 106 candidates battling it out for the 48 seats up for grabs and more than 30,000 people were expected to vote.

Last year, some 30,000 people turned out to the polling stations, but this year, with the highest-ever number of candidates standing, the figure was predicted to be even more.

There were four seats available to represent each of the 12 district or borough councils, and candidates could stand for election in the area in which they lived or where they went to school or college.

The youth council is made up of 48 elected members aged between 11 and 18 who meet 10 times a year in the council chambers at County Hall in Maidstone.

Committee meetings are also held throughout the year to discuss campaigns and issues.

Members work closely with officers and members of Kent County Council, letting them know about the concerns of the county's young people.

Members of the youth council also make up the UK Youth Parliament to take county matters to the national forum.

Already they have brought in a travel scheme called the Freedom Bus Pass which provides unlimited travel for young people in Kent for an annual payment of £50.

It proved so successful in east Kent that last year it was rolled out across the county.

Rhys said: "We work closely with members of KCC and the leader, Paul Carter, who helps us with our aims."

"The youth council is apolitical, though, so we try to avoid getting too deep into politics when making decisions."

From next year, the youth council will also have more control over its budget.

Currently, members are invited by different projects and budget-holders within KCC to represent the views of young people and recommend how money should be spent.

But they recently advised on KCC's overall budget, which will be decided in February, and the youth members' views will be presented as part of that decision-making process.

Rhys said he was excited about the year ahead.

"I was elected a year ago and it's been really good fun," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing some new faces – it will change the dynamics of the group."

"The new members will be really eager to go out and do things straight away."

Rhys, who lives on the Isle of Sheppey, said he always had an interest in politics thanks

to his family. "I was lucky they made sure I understood politics and what was going on in the country," he said.

"But not everyone has this. This is why we're pushing for political education at school."

"We're also trying to get the voting age lowered to 16 so young people have more of a voice."



**RALLY:** Rhys George, leader of Kent Youth County Council, is campaigning to make politics a compulsory school subject

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## Film star shows wild side in Kent

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The British star, who is famous for her many roles on stage and screen, including Dolores Umbridge in the Harry Potter films, compered an evening of entertainment with her actor husband Jim Carter.

The pair are known for their love of wildlife and jumped at the chance of being involved with the celebrations for the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE).

DICE was founded in 1989 by Professor

Ian Swingfield OBE at the University of Kent and named after naturalist and TV presenter Gerald Durrell.

It offers students courses in conservation and biodiversity and gives them the chance to carry out research internationally.

Some 250 people attended the celebrations on Tuesday night.

Dr Susanna Paisley, honorary research fellow and DICE director of development, said she was thrilled with the turnout.

"Imelda and Jim did a fantastic job," she said.

"It really was a brilliant night which showed off what DICE is about."

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# yourblogger

Gary Wright questions whether giving aid to illegal immigrants in Calais is the right thing to do this winter



## Is Kent Refugee Help making a difficult situation even worse?

ARE we really doing the right thing taking blankets and clothes to illegal immigrants waiting to cross to the UK from Calais?

This coming weekend, volunteers from Kent Refugee Help will travel to Calais to hand out clothes, sleeping-bags and blankets to immigrants in the French port.

I believe we should be asking 'Why?'.

Kent Refugee Help is a registered charity which helps people who have been detained at the Immigration Centre in Dover.

On the surface the idea of crossing the Channel to make sure the assembled migrants are able to survive the onset of winter can only be seen as a decent act of human kindness.

Volunteer Kate Adams points out that it is a 'humanitarian crisis' made worse since the French authorities in September tore down the wooded encampment area known as 'The Jungle' where up to 800 immigrants lived – waiting to smuggle themselves into Britain.

But in September the French government

demonstrated it would play a part in breaking the illegal immigration chain that leads from Africa to Britain by making it more difficult to 'live' in Calais. So, why are British people going to Calais to help make it easier for illegal immigrants to stay there?

It is getting cold and the hand-out (funded with a United Nations grant and working with the No Borders Network) has been timed to coincide with Christmas – which will mean little to most would-be asylum-seekers.

These people are in France already, a fine civilised country. And if they care to retrace their steps, the Mediterranean coast is far milder at this time of year. I was in Calais a month ago and there was still plenty of evidence of young people being corralled by police and fed by volunteers.

And do not forget, the people of Calais have to suffer being the assembly point for immigrants with no interest in their community.

Sangatte was where 'asylum seekers' assembled between 1999 and 2002, just a few miles away. There the French Red Cross ran a camp for the assembled mass.

I visited it in 2001. Inside the giant hangar

it was seething – overflowing lavatories and overcrowding. I learned the people all had a common dream: a better life in Britain.

A lad in his late teens shared his heart-wrenching story of a tortuous four-week journey across two continents, hiding in ships and trucks, being met and moved on to the next leg thanks to \$10,000 paid by his father to people-traffickers. He was now just 22 miles from his goal. I understood his desperation.

But I also met people who lived in Sangatte, which has a population of just 800. They were outnumbered two-to-one by would-be asylum seekers. They were overwhelmed – and their homes, land and quality of life were, too. I understood their desperation.

I don't doubt the sincerity of Kent Refugee Help, but it needs to be careful. France, like the rest of the EU, wants asylum seekers to stay in the first safe country they reach and the chain of economic migration broken.

That means those organisations which rely on refugees for their work in Kent might be unnecessary. We must consider carefully whether we should be encouraging people to stay in Calais.

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By girls we mean the Chipettes, who are man-



aged by Ian Hawke, the Chipmunks' greedy former manager who wants to turn them into the next big thing. At the outset, there is a rivalry between the Chipettes and the Chipmunks, but in the end they realise that they make great friends and a great musical team. KOS Media, publishers of this news-



paper, has managed to get hold of five great sets of Alvin and the Chipmunks merchandise, including an 'iPod hoodie', watch, fridge magnets, mini-recorder microphone and lots more.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Green new deal will demand alternatives

BEFORE I reply to Michael Walsh, of Lydd airport supporters FLAG, I would like to comment on the supposed climate-change email scandal.

Despite all the apparently hundreds of documents obtained via the hacking – which was highly suspicious, being just ahead of the Copenhagen talks – all the deniers can find are a few cherry-picked emails over the last ten years or so which they then appear to have misinterpreted.

Further, these are merely a blip against the vast majority of the many thousands of lines of inquiry of scientific reports on the subject.

An inquiry may be justified into the actions of just a small number of scientists, but it should not happen until the new year some time and certainly not be used to distract from the increasingly great need to start dealing with the problem in earnest from Copenhagen onwards.

As regards Lydd airport – despite the dropping of a Dungeness C station, which is very unlikely to be reversed – the B station's holding objection remains in place, as far as I'm aware, until 2012 at least.

This station may be extended beyond 2018, but not by much.

Also, as regards local jobs here or elsewhere, these would be even more unlikely, if not impossible, since any contract to build new stations would apparently go to an American company, which may well bring in its own workforce.

The fact remains that the vast majority of locals, and others,

remain opposed to the airport's expansion. The airline industry remains in decline with a ten per cent drop in air travel so far. Even low-cost airlines are feeling the pinch and are likely to continue doing so, given that, even with a putative 'recovery', it may well be a jobless one, as the OECD and others have indicated recently.

What's required still, as I have always suggested, is a great expansion of tourism on the Marsh, as well as the whole of Shepway, alongside investing in renewable-energy factories *etc.* Shepway council appears not to have looked at this properly, if at all.

The national Tory party appears to be becoming much more 'green' in its policy announcements, so why does the local party keep on with myopic and short-termist climate policies?

Perhaps it has looked into alternatives on the Marsh, but nothing has either been said or revealed, it seems. We need the proposed green new deal – not business as usual.

In the meantime, I suggest people stop waiting on politicians, businesses and so on to provide jobs and other answers and start doing things for themselves.

The above alternative suggestions could easily be investigated and may be achieved through setting up social enterprises and co-ops.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

### Our true-blue Charlie needs London home

THERE Mike Eddy goes again, sitting in his glass house, throwing stones (last week's letters). He attacks Charlie Elphicke for having a home in London as well as Deal.

Well Charlie might, if he's to be

our MP: the job is in London and he will need a place there. I'm glad we don't have to pay for this. Credit to Charlie for saving up to buy his own homes with his own money.

Charlie pays for things like knives, forks, food, TVs, washing machines, armchairs, toasters and plants out of his hard-earned

money. Cllr Eddy's attempt at class war only reminds us of the choice we have.

In the blue corner, an English patriot and economic expert who would enrich us all.

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Cllr Wayne Elliott (Con), Deal Town Council



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## The five red herrings of hi-tech serfdom

RAY Duff has continued his name-calling and selective rubbishing of what he does not believe in (last week's letters).

I, too, am not into head-banging against those who don't want to listen, so unless another reader has a new point of view to contribute, this will be my final word on the subject for now. My sole purpose here is to bring five more red herrings to readers' attention.

- Increased carbon levels: tests have shown that even at concentrations 30 times those of the present day, even the most delicate plants flourish.

Half a billion years ago it was at 700ppm, about 18 times today's concentration (without humans).

Water vapour, the dominant greenhouse gas, behaves as Earth's thermostat through the mechanisms of evaporation, condensation and precipitation, irrespective of CO<sub>2</sub> atmospheric levels. Carbon levels increase after warming, not the other way round. Climate cycles are better explained by solar and astronomical reasons.

- Rising sea levels and threats to coastal areas and low-lying islands: the measurements show little or no sea-level rise except where land is sinking or there is dynamiting of coral reefs, or where over-extraction of water has caused damage.

Incidentally, corals can grow at more than predicted sea-level rise – not a coincidence that so many atolls are just above the ocean surface.

Romney Marsh was mentioned. Southern England has been sinking since the last Ice Age – to some extent countered by sedimentation and shingle drift. The reported

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global sea-level rise by the IPCC is a fraud, produced with selective and limited data (source: Nils-Axel Morner, Swedish geologist and physicist, former chair of INQUA International Commission on Sea-level Change).

As for those ice caps, they are melting no more or less than they have done many times before, and an ice-free summer Arctic would not be the end of the world – that's happened before, too.

- Industry: with all the ballyhoo going on about climate, there is now a well-entrenched and growing section of industry and business whose main concern is to cash in on green matters and the carbon-trading schemes. They must now be considered a vested interest, and their sayings therefore not independent.

- With the Copenhagen talks approaching, we are being bombarded with doom-mongering scare stories.

That conference aims, as does our own Climate Change Act, to set wild targets that can never be achievable without that roll-back of industrial civilisation referred to. Renewable power probably has no hope of filling our looming energy gap – something that really is a threat.

Just one example: wind-turbine promoters always refer to their 'capacity' or potential output, given constant optimum wind.

Because wind is inconsistent, the actual average output is only a quarter of capacity. Those countries like Denmark and Germany that are always praised for pioneering windpower are now realising this, to their cost. So I personally favour nuclear power, including Dungeness, but even that won't plug the gap, so we should additionally use some of our own natural resource, coal, as well – striving to make it cleaner with all speed.

- Ray Duff points us to George Monbiot, that partisan Guardian journalist found to be wrong a number of times. Chris Brooker in The Sunday Telegraph provides a welcome antidote.

Incidentally, those so-called Tones of Denial, far from being discredited, have themselves discredited much pseudo-science, or at least drawn attention to it.

As for New Scientist, that once-proud purveyor of popular science has in recent years changed into total partial pusher of the climate-change orthodoxy.

It doesn't matter how many scientists support anything; this is more serious than voting on a TV show and the only thing that matters is who gets it right.

The charge is made that most 'climate deniers' are in their 60s or 70s. If (and it's a big if) that's true, that may be because they

are a bit older and wiser and less easily bullied, with enough experience to know that our freedom, liberty and lifestyle choices are at stake.

Some of these are, historically speaking, fairly recent and require guarding with constant vigilance. Also, our young are now subjected to one-sided climate propaganda at a level that some would call brainwashing – Hitler and Stalin would be jealous.

If the climate activists get their way, our world (in the West, at least) will become one where most of us are overtaxed for the privilege of being rationed, unable to travel independently or without permission, told how to live in every detail – and all enforced with intrusive surveillance, not unlike a medieval peasant. Welcome to your new world as a hi-tech serf.

Ian Taylor, Association of British Drivers

## We don't need superstore

REGARDING Sainsbury's wanting to have a supermarket in Military Road, Hythe, I object for the following reasons:

- Traffic congestion.
- Competition with local shops – they are struggling already and I don't like to see people go out of business.
- Do we really need another supermarket when there are two Sainsbury's stores a few miles away? I don't think so.
- Hythe has suffered enough changes and it will spoil the appearance of the town. Can we have a vote on this?

Annette Barsby, Dymchurch

## Lovely town under siege

WITH regard to the proposed Sainsbury's store in Hythe, I agree that a small town like this does not need a fourth supermarket, especially anything so huge.

I object to our town being destroyed and, make no mistake, we are under siege by developers of all sorts.

I am tired of fighting constant battles to keep our town a good place to live and attractive to tourists.

Our architectural heritage and lovely green spaces so close to the sea – unique for a seaside town – are fast disappearing. Sainsbury's is everywhere – the New Romney branch serves the Marsh, while Folkestone, of which we are practically a suburb, is already served by two branches, one of them enormous.

Anyone in Hythe can get to the Folkestone branch in ten minutes by car or 15 by bus. There is also a free bus from Hythe to Tesco in Cheriton. Waitrose and Aldi represent the

best of both ends of supermarket choice. People travel to Hythe from far and wide just to visit Waitrose and if competition with Sainsbury's forced it to close, our town would be poorer for it. The promise of jobs is hollow – high-street businesses will suffer, along with jobs.

As it is, high-street shops are suffering – just count the growing number of empty shops turned over to charities, staffed by unpaid volunteers (such as myself) to see this.

Charity shops are wonderful, too, but they do not provide jobs or a flourishing town.

We want to keep Hythe high street vibrant

with local shops and businesses, especially grocers, providing a personal service, local knowledge and locally-sourced produce.

It was interesting to read that 50 per cent of local retailers' turnover is returned to the local economy, whereas large retailers such as Sainsbury's return as little as five per cent.

I see they propose to give staff 20 free parking spaces in the town.

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A Allen, Hythe

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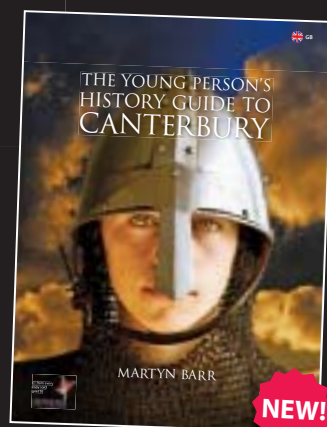
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# George of the jungle takes on panto role

Star Trek legend follows in footsteps of pal Joe Swash

## ALADDIN

Friday, December 11, to Sunday, January 3  
Central Theatre, Chatham



A VERY special star will beam down to Earth to appear in the Central Theatre's panto.

Hot on the heels of his great friend and I'm a Celebrity... co-star Joe Swash, George Takei will be entertaining Medway audiences over Christmas in Aladdin.

The former Star Trek actor will play the Emperor of China in the festive extravaganza, alongside Kent favourite Shaun Williamson and Phil Gallagher, otherwise known as CBeebies' Mister Maker, who is originally from Chatham.

Takei became famous as Mr Sulu in the long-running sci-fi saga and won new fans when he appeared on the ITV reality show, I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here last year. During his stay in the jungle, Takei won over viewers with his placid nature and was dubbed 'Gorgeous George' by Swash, the eventual winner.

It was Swash who persuaded Takei to tread the boards again, after he appeared in the Central Theatre's pantomime last year.

"I was back in England earlier this year and had dinner with Joe," Takei said. "He told me about the great experience he had and urged me to consider doing panto again."

"Joe raved about the wonderful audiences and the fun he had with the other actors. I was intrigued by the idea, but I had no idea that fate would have me following right in his footsteps, directly to the Central Theatre. I'm really looking forward to my first visit to Medway."

Also receiving top billing is Shaun Williamson, who rose to fame as Barry Evans in EastEnders and became something of a comedy icon through his role in Ricky Gervais's hit comedy Extras. He has been extraordinarily busy ever since the first series aired in 2005 and recently filmed a brief cameo for Gervais's latest movie, The Invention of Lying.

Williamson returns to the Central Theatre to play Abanazar, following an absence of five years. He plays the villain to Phil Gallagher's Aladdin as they both search for the magic lamp and its genie who can grant wishes.

Gallagher presents Mister Maker, the arts and crafts show for under-sevens.

Also joining the cast are regulars Paul Burling as Wishee Washee and Claire Huckle as Princess Jasmine.

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The fun begins when Peter Pan leads the Darling children away to Neverland, where both the characters and audience will meet an



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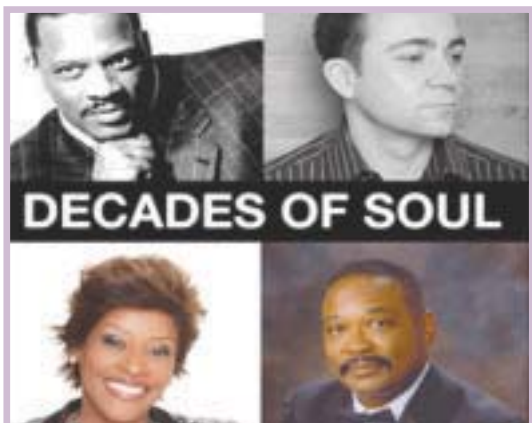
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Thinking About Your Love became a Top 10 hit and he released seven other successful singles.

As the voice of Rose Royce, Gwen Dickey's vocals were immortalised on such timeless hits as Carwash,



Wishing On A Star, Love Don't Live Here Anymore, Is It Love You're After and I Wanna Get Next to You.

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## This could be your chance to break into the business

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A POPULAR auditions process is being reopened to musicians who want to find a way into the music world.

The pathway into the music industry is a notoriously difficult one to navigate but Kent's Diverse Music is looking to increase their artist database and the chance for YOU to be a part of it is again on offer.

The Diverse Music Auditions aim to help the company put together a network of performers and musicians who want to try and get started in music.

The process began earlier this year and was a great success.

Many acts got in touch and visited the studios in Biltong, between Ashford and Canterbury, to work on new material.

The team have now decided to begin a second round of auditions and want artists to come forward and get involved.

It will give performers the chance to broaden their musical horizons and stand a chance of working with the team of creative director Malissa Whitehouse and producer Lee Gollidge.

Malissa has a wealth of industry experience, working with names such as Travis and George Michael, as well as Capital Radio.

She said: "We want to open this up for a second time to find more talented individuals who feel they have something to offer. The auditions are totally free and we hope people from all over Kent will get in touch."

Lee, a technical whizz who specialises in



**IN TUNE:** Singer-songwriter Phil Tong (left) and producer Lee Gollidge work on Phil's own material in the Diverse studio

rock, indie and alternative material, said: "There are so many people out there who want to break into music and who have a lot to offer but just don't know where to start."

"Contacting us could be a great move and we really hope for more talented people to come forward. We were really pleased with the response last time and are working with a lot of the artists now and making some great music. It's been really interesting and a lot of fun."

Hopefuls can also be added to the ever-expanding database, allowing the team to match singers with songwriters, musicians with bands and so on.

The project could lead to the formation of bands, new contacts and the benefit of the expertise of the industry experts who run the company.

Diverse creative director, Malissa Whitehouse, said: "It's about opening up our doors to everyone so we find some great talent which we know is here in Kent. The possibilities are huge and we are excited about what the future holds. So get in touch."

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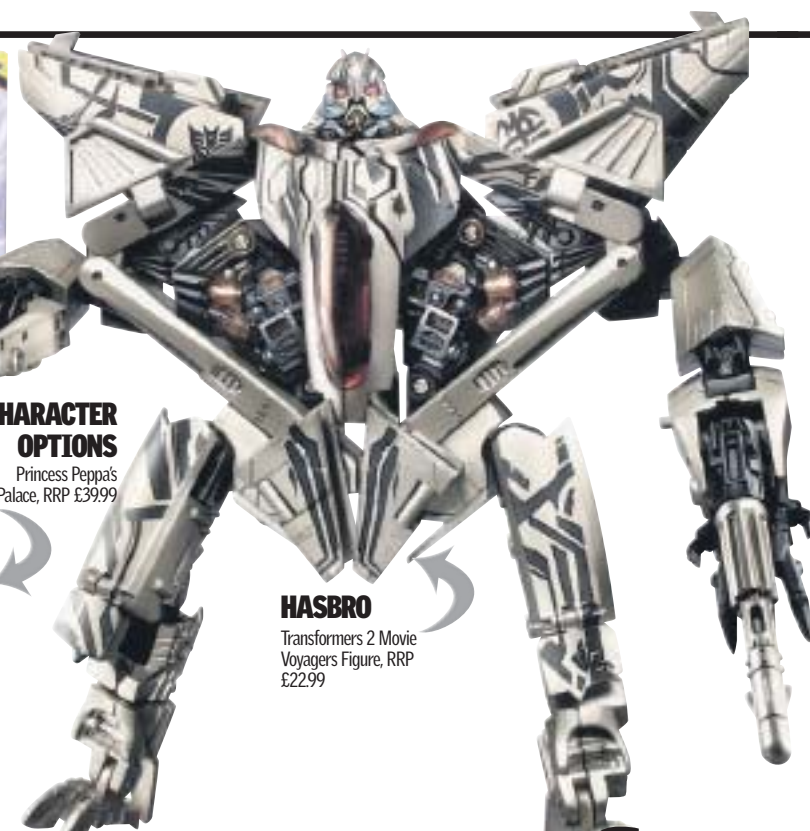


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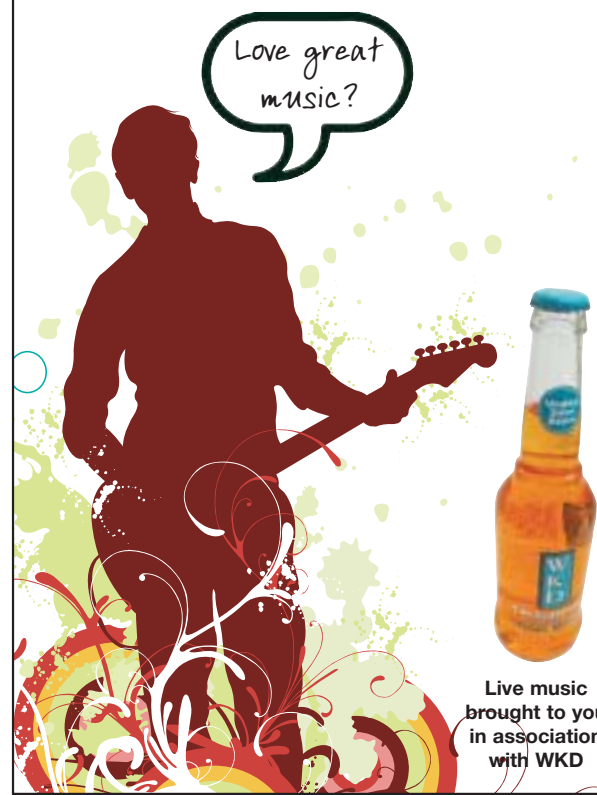
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### THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS (15)



George Clooney stars in The Men Who Stare At Goats, a deranged tale of US servicemen who are trained to become Jedi warriors capable of killing with mind-power alone. Ewen McGregor co-stars.

### MICHAEL JACKSON'S THIS IS IT (PG)



Hastily constructed from hundreds of hours of rehearsal footage, Kenny Ortega's documentary is a glowing tribute to the King of Pop as he prepared for the most spectacular shows of his career.

# From The Office to the classroom for Freeman

■ BY KATE WHITING

MARTIN Freeman is camera-shy. The impish dirty-blond actor is standing awkwardly in an old-fashioned hotel library flashing a non-smile towards a photographer.

"I wish I had that talent of being able to accept a photograph being taken," he says, apologetically.

Almost 10 years since the role of Tim Canterbury in The Office made him famous, Freeman still doesn't behave like a celebrity.

You'll never catch him being papped at a nightclub or parading his two children in Hello! magazine.

"I don't like it when I see people do it. I don't think they should be put in prison or anything, I just think that's not for me because I've never wanted to trade on anything else other than work. I'd rather be at home."

Equally, he's not about to appear in a reality TV show.

"What I try to resist is doing stuff that I don't want to do just to get on telly. But if someone says 'Do you want to go to Detroit and make a thing about Motown?' I'll do it because I'm interested in that."

"Or 'Do you want to have your picture taken by David Bailey?' – I hated that as well," he laughs. "But you go 'All right' because that won't happen very often. But if it's 'Do you want Hello! to come in and meet your children?' – no."

Whether he likes it or not, Freeman, 38, is now firmly back in the spotlight, promoting his new film Nativity!

He plays frustrated-actor-turned-primary-teacher Mr Maddens, who is tasked with putting on the Nativity play and beating the rival posh independent school to a



PLAY TIME: Martin Freeman stars in new film Nativity!

five-star review in the local paper. But having been being dumped by his girlfriend Jennifer (Ashley Jensen) five years ago, Maddens hates Christmas.

Struggling to cope with the Nativity task, he accidentally boasts to his rival that his ex-girlfriend, now a hot-shot producer in LA, is coming over to film the Nativity play.

Ignoring the old adage about never working with children and animals (in this case camels, donkeys and sheep), Freeman threw himself into the film, which was conceived and directed by Debbie Isitt and entirely improvised.

"I loved the idea. I'd worked with Debbie before on Confetti and we had a meeting back in December 2007 about her next idea – she just described the outline of my character and his journey and I was hooked."

Freeman enjoyed being able to improvise.

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"Debbie's general MO would be 'We need to get from this point to this point by the end of the scene, away you go!'"

"How you get there is down to you, but you have to hit certain landmarks along the way. I think Debbie likes the uncertainty of what can happen in a moment."

Another draw of the film was the opportunity to work with Ugly Betty and Extras star Jensen. Freeman admits the pair swapped notes on Ricky Gervais, their co-star in The Office and Extras.

"She was what you'd hope people should be who are doing something for a living that they really love. We should be quite nice – you shouldn't be a prick because actually you're getting paid to do something you really enjoy."

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

**THE IMPRESSIONS SHOW WITH CULSHAW AND STEPHENSON**  
BBC One, 9.10pm, Saturday

**DOCTOR WHO: DREAMLAND**  
BBC Two, 10am, Saturday

TRICKY things to get right, impression shows.

Make a good fist of it and a unique place in the national consciousness could be yours, but mess it up and you look like a total saddo.

Jon Culshaw is not a supreme master of his art, like Rory Bremner, yet he has enough in his locker to justify a show of his own.

While he is less brutal than his rivals, his new effort, The Impressions Show With Culshaw And Stephenson, still manages to score a few hits.

While his attempts at Bruce Forsyth, Boris Johnson and Jonathan Ross fall short (why bother when others have them down so well?), others are very good indeed.

It may not be the best-known of his targets, but his Dominic Littlewood (the bald guy who crops up on The One Show dispensing money-saving tips) is inspired and could probably pass for the real thing.

The Michael Macintyre he does is also top-notch, while it's high time someone had a decent stab at David Cameron, who, as probably the next Prime Minister, must be the holy grail for the top impressionists in Britain.

Still, for every impression that hits the mark, such as Simon Cowell, there's another that falls woefully short, like his Adrian Chiles.

This is one of those shows that you can happily dip in and out of.

It's not a triumph, but if you enjoy this sort of thing, then tune in and be



**CARTOON TIME:** The BBC have now animated the time-travelling exploits of Doctor Who

prepared to snigger at much of what's on offer.

• The BBC is determined to wring every last drop of David Tennant out of Doctor Who before he pops his time-travelling clogs and makes way for the new guy, Matt Smith, next year.

He's been a tremendously popular incarnation of the Time Lord, if not one of the true greats, and now his animated persona has been brought to screens for children and geeks everywhere.

This animated series takes a lead from Star Wars: The Clone Wars in style if not in content. It's a harmless enough outing, but with the main series, The Sarah Jane Adventures, Torchwood and now this, you wonder if even die-hard Doctor Who fans are getting fed up with the overkill.

This six-part serial will be broadcast on Saturday – tell the kids.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A CREATIVE project comes to fruition, prompting you to look around for the next big opportunity. Establishing a steady routine should be your first order of business. This means you'll have to spend less time on pleasurable pursuits and devote more energy to work.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU could finally receive money you've been expecting for some time. Beware of spending it all in one place. If you're careful you can pay your bills and have a little left over for savings. Resist the urge to buy expensive luxury items, especially on credit.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A FRIENDSHIP could be coming apart at the seams and there's nothing you can do. It's better to cut ties than force a relationship that has lost its purpose. Although such behaviour is contrary to your loyal nature, you need to break things off, even at the risk of seeming heartless.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU may have to cancel personal plans at the last minute, which makes you angry. You've been looking forward to this outing for some time, but a financial shortage requires you to find more work. A job opportunity related to teaching or writing is worth taking.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

IT'S time to leave a difficult domestic situation behind. Moving to a new place, finding a different roommate or selling a property are among the possibilities. This change will result in an emotional wrench, but that can't be helped. Find a healthy outlet for your frustrations.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 21)

YOU'LL be in great demand this week, both personally and professionally. This is a great time to step out of your comfort zone. You've been blessed with a multitude of talents. If you feel as if you've been thrust into a pigeonhole, work your way out of it.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU could finally get word regarding a job or promotion. Don't be surprised if you're given a lot more responsibilities in the days ahead. Fortunately, a loved one is poised to help you make this transition. It's a little nerve-racking for a person like you to be in the spotlight.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

AN engagement, marriage or business agreement changes the course of your life. Two heads are better than one this week. Don't try to undertake a difficult task all by yourself. Relations with a neighbour or relative will be improved if you extend an olive branch.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

SIGNING a contract makes an agreement official, which makes you nervous. You're the sort of person who doesn't like to be confined by a lot of legal formalities. Unfortunately, you need to make some official promises if you're going to move up the ladder of success.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

BURYING your head in the sand is no longer an option. You'll be forced to face some painful truths regarding a female friend, relative or neighbour. Although it pains you to admit this woman took advantage of you, there's no other conclusion. Console yourself with hard work.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

A LEGAL decision could be rendered, allowing you to move forward with career plans. Although you may not like the result, at least you won't be kept awake waiting for the verdict. Besides, better opportunities await you. It looks as if you'll finally be able to make use of your talents.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A TOUGH work assignment comes to an end, leaving you more time for your personal life. Plan to visit a secret hideaway with your beloved. Your new lover could make a lot more money than you. This financial discrepancy will create a feeling of inequity.

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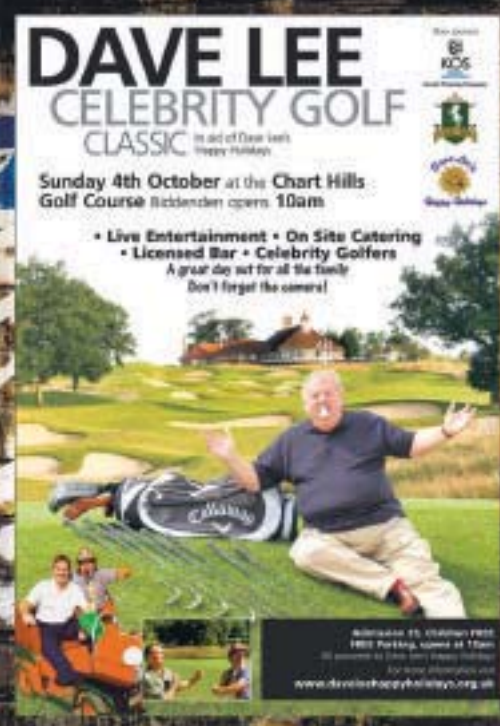
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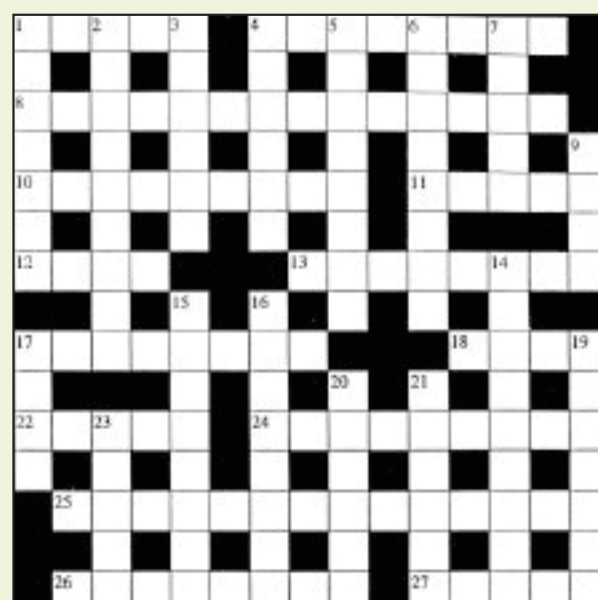
#### ACROSS

- 1 Shakespearean from Caracas came (5)
- 4 Fast mover over snow? One going over water (3-5)
- 8 Specific container (8-6)
- 10 Weather forecast for the Andes (4-5)
- 11 Came first with Kay losing article - shaky (5)
- 12 Photograph cross-beam (1-3)
- 13 Train fellow carriage driver (8)
- 17 Figure becoming shy in resentment (8)
- 18 Zodiacal apple? (4)
- 22 Was, say, to include lieutenant in some steps (5)
- 24 Grant, have focus adjusted (9)
- 25 Put on too much of an act (14)
- 26 Hero-worshiper round first shrub (8)
- 27 Only a fraction before the tenth (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Complicated group (7)
- 2 Deny rates had been amended while one was inactive (9)
- 3 Aircraftman on line in agreement (6)
- 4 Lady had Jack and one non-picture card (6)
- 5 Where to find league leaders, it's above-board! (8)
- 6 Wait with coke travelling round Polish city (8)
- 7 Lady's excellent part (5)
- 9 Could start mixing any colour (4)
- 14 Deadly transgression? (6,3)
- 15 Hesitantly I tucked into dish at restaurant (8)
- 16 Shook, ever troubled in pound (8)
- 17 Roughly handle new piece (4)
- 19 Difference between two sides (7)
- 20 Whisper 'drink up' repeatedly (6)
- 21 Note picture first had some light (6)
- 23 Crossing up and down (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Cheek (5)
- 4 Delphinium (8)
- 8 Navigational system (9,5)
- 10 Skipped playfully (9)
- 11 Alloy (5)
- 12 Ceremonial act (4)
- 13 Teach (8)
- 17 Brown sugar (8)
- 18 Patch up (4)
- 22 Trinket (5)
- 24 Calumnies (anag.) (9)
- 25 Very quickly (2,1,4,2,5)
- 26 Remove a gag (8)
- 27 Demolished (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Boast (7)
- 2 Final demand (9)
- 3 West Country National Park (6)
- 4 Fling (3,3)
- 5 Ebbing (8)
- 6 Fellow sailor (8)
- 7 German submarine (1-4)
- 9 Coagulate (4)
- 14 In complete agreement (9)
- 15 Fussy decoration (4-4)
- 16 Right through (4,1,2,1)
- 17 Arrears (4)
- 19 Ironed (7)
- 20 Hoarse (anag.) (6)
- 21 Religious friend (6)
- 23 Piece of stamped metal (5)



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# Isle take the train to wilderness

■ BY KELLY MACNAMARA

I WAS not happy about the edge of the ridge – a sharp tear in the landscape where the hills step down towards the sea by way of a sheer cliff.

It was all very well in the brilliant sunshine of a moment ago, but in the smothering fog it became an altogether more daunting prospect.

Then as quickly as it had descended, the mist thinned, turning first wispy, then vanishing altogether and leaving us blinking out across the vast undulating back of Trotternish Ridge.

There's nothing like getting your pulse racing on holiday. Usually I get my thrills by misreading my flight tickets and arriving at an airport as the check-in closes, but for this trip I hadn't left the ground.

We travelled to Scotland from London on the splendid Caledonian Sleeper train, and taken a connection to the Isle of Skye.

Boarding late in the evening at Euston, we dropped our bags in our two-bunk cabin and made a beeline for the lounge car. This room lived up to all my 'Murder On The Orient Express' imaginings, with 1970s velveteen wall coverings, a waiter with an inscrutable accent and a pleasing batch of fellow passengers for us to make up stories about.

This rail journey is considered one of the best in the world, and I can see why. Not only was it a romantic and civilised way to travel the length of the country, we also arrived refreshed and well rested at the foot of Ben Nevis, blissfully free of the nagging environmental guilt.

We crossed to the island on the Kyle of Lochalsh bridge and arrived at the Flodigarry Hotel to a welcome as warm as the whisky on offer in the lobby.



**PICTURESQUE:** Experience some beautiful scenery and escape from it all with a four-day break to the Isle of Skye

The hotel is a grand Jacobean house nestling in homely grandeur in the wild hills of north-east Skye, its stately face turned towards the sea with breathtaking views across Staffin Bay to the Trotternish mountains on mainland Scotland.

Dinner included a regiment of langoustines, fresh from the sea and lined up for inspection. They were delicious.

After our hearty breakfast – complete with tasty local black pudding – we were treated to gorgeous views over the sea, the early-morning light sweeping across the water and transforming it from a rich purple to shimmering silver.

Then we slung packs on our backs to head for the hills.

The Trotternish Ridge is the longest inland cliff in Britain, and we spent two days hiking the giant peaks that ripple across the spine of the escarpment. A string of glistening lochs hangs at the throat of the cliff as it looks

towards the sea, while to the west the land billows out towards the far coast of the island.

Trotternish is not for the faint-hearted: the 20-mile route ends at Skye's picturesque capital Portree, and we needed compass, Ordnance Survey map and tent to crack it.

The pathless terrain is rough and wild, and the going was arduous at times, but the views were so magnificent that the memory of each difficult scramble was instantly erased.

Our walk ended next afternoon at the Storr. This is the highest peak on the ridge at 719m, and its name means "big" in Norse.

An Indiana Jones-style climb down a waterfall – not quite as precarious as it sounds – was our route back towards civilisation.

For me, the journey from metropolis to wilderness and back in four days and a night will definitely be repeated. It's not my usual long weekend, but perhaps it should be.

## FACT FILE: ISLE OF SKYE

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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Currency</b>	Sterling
<b>Population</b>	9,200 approx
<b>Religion</b>	Christian
<b>Capital</b>	Edinburgh

### Travel facts

Kelly Macnamara travelled to the Isle of Skye on the Caledonian Sleeper service, operated by First ScotRail. Tickets range from bargain berths at £19 to around £160, one way. See [www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk) for more details.

She stayed at Flodigarry House Hotel, Flodigarry (01470 552 203 and [www.flodigarry.co.uk](http://www.flodigarry.co.uk)) and The Bosville Hotel, Bosville Terrace, Portree (01478 612 846 and [www.bosvillehotel.co.uk](http://www.bosvillehotel.co.uk)).

Until November 30, Visit Scotland offers three-night B&B breaks from £99 at a variety of locations. Details on [www.visitscotland.com/autumn](http://www.visitscotland.com/autumn).

Operators to Isle of Skye include Rabbie's Trail Burners, with three-day guided tours by 16-seater minibus to Isle of Skye from Edinburgh available year-round from £100-125 per person. Accommodation, selected by each visitor, costs extra. Reservations: 0131 226 3133 and [www.rabbies.com](http://www.rabbies.com).



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Bovis Homes sees an encouraging sales boost

BOVIS Homes achieved 1,488 private reservations in the year to November 13, an 83 per cent rise on the comparative figure for the same period in 2008.

The group also says it anticipates legally completing around 1,800 sales in 2009, of which 1,500 are expected to be private homes, compared with 1,223 a year earlier, and about 300 social homes, compared with 594.

In addition, private sales prices have seen "a modest improvement" since the end of June and Bovis expects to increase the value of its existing land bank, while continuing to proceed with land purchases.

Also Barratt Developments reported it is shying away from the apartment market to focus on building houses.

According to the firm, banks and building societies are wary of lending on apartments because of oversupply and pre-credit crisis mortgage scams that involved property valuations being deliberately inflated.

### Want a quick deal? Click on to Chainfree.com

A NEW website dedicated to selling homes not caught up in a property chain has been launched in an attempt to help people buy and sell realistically priced homes more quickly and efficiently.

Chainfree.com is a one-stop shop which means purchasers no longer have to spend hours surfing the net, attending auctions and visiting countless estate agents.

Chainfree.com chief executive Paul Smith explained: "All the properties featured have been realistically valued, in most cases by two other independent valuers, to ensure they are at the right price.

Because they are chain free, the purchase is likely to go through quickly without any undue delays, taking the stress out of buying a property."

More than 5,500 properties from across the country ranging in price from just £10,000 to more than £500,000 are currently featured and more than 850 individual branches have loaded properties onto the site including Spicerhaart brands Haart, Spicer McColl, Darlows in Wales, Haybrook in South Yorkshire and Felicity J Lord in London.

Spicerhaart corporate sales managing director Mark Pilling said: "The new website gives a dedicated portal for estate agencies selling chain free properties which, by their very nature, means they sell quickly."



**PLAN YOUR VOTE** : Residential property developers are less likely to get their planning permission through if they are applying in a Conservative-controlled local authority

# The politics behind getting your planning permission

■ BY NICK AMES

RESIDENTIAL property developers are less likely to get planning permission for developments in Tory-controlled local authorities, according to law firm McGrigors.

They say developers who want to increase their stock should act quickly if they are in a Labour or Liberal Democrat district, in case the Conservatives win the next round of local elections.

Research by the law firm shows that over the last year Tory councils approved an average of 63 per cent of planning applications for major housing developments compared to 69 per cent in local authorities not under Conservative control.

McGrigors said this was significant as Conservatives control is most heavily concentrated in the south east of England where housing shortages are the most acute.

The research also found that 60 per cent of Local Planning Authorities with the lowest percentage of planning permissions granted for major housing developments are run by the Conservatives.

McGrigors warned that if the Conservatives increased their 51 per cent control of UK councils at the next election then it could become harder for developers to obtain planning permission. This, it said, meant Britain could face the risk of more severe housing shortages in the long term. The firm advised developers to make planning applications before the May elections in order to maximise the chances of obtaining consent.

Suzanne Gill, partner at McGrigors, said: "A slow and expensive planning approval process has contributed to a lack of new housing and,

in part, to the boom and bust of property prices.

"Shortages of new homes are not restricted to metropolitan areas. In many rural areas people looking to buy for the first time are

being priced out of their local community because of the lack of new, affordable housing."

"Developers are wondering how a change in government will impact planning policy. There is a concern that a tightening of planning regulations will impact on their ability to deliver projects and make housing a less attractive part of the construction market."

## £15,000 towards a new Millwood home

SINCE housebuilder Millwood Designer Homes launched the third phase of its development St Augustine's Park in the village of Westgate-on-Sea, it has received a large amount of interest.

And with another home just reserved, only six now remain with three, four and five-bedroom houses available.

As an early Christmas present, Millwood is offering the unique opportunity to receive a £15,000 discount voucher, which can be used when buying one of the fantastic designer homes that remain.

St Augustine's Park offers a mix of properties so it appeals to young couples and families alike. And with the new high-speed rail link in nearby Birchington-on-Sea, which commences in December and takes you to St Pancras in under one-and-a-half hours, it is now also very convenient for commuters too.

Richard Elliott, Sales Manager for Millwood Designer Homes said: "Westgate-on-Sea is a wonderful village that has evolved over the years, offering a variety of shops and conveniences, as well as a good selection of restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs. It is a great place for families as there



are several reputable schools in the area, including King Ethelbert's School which is less than a mile from the development. However, as only a few homes now remain, I would urge people to come and visit this stunning development as it really is an opportunity not to be missed."

Westgate-on-Sea train station provides regular links to London Victoria in approximately one hour and 45 minutes.

Prices at St Augustine's Park start from £229,950 for a three-bedroom home, £239,950 for a four-bed and £245,000 for a five-bed.

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Location, location, location. This one bedroom top floor flat is Sandgate is a must to view and offers partial sea views, lounge, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. No forward chain.

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**Temple Ewell**

**£245,000**

Three bedroom semi detached house. Bathroom and separate WC, dual aspect Lounge, Sitting room, Dining room and Kitchen. Front and rear gardens. Garage.

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Two bedroom end of terrace house with large kitchen with French doors leading to enclosed rear garden. Garage en bloc and allocated parking. No chain.

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**Dover**

**£95,000**

Middle terrace house with central heating & double glazing. Lounge. Kitchen. 2nd reception/3rd bedroom. Two bedrooms. Useful loft room. Bathroom. Garden.

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**Folkestone**

**£115,000**

Ideal first time buy or buy to let opportunity. Two bedroom mid terrace house with garden. This property comes with no chain. To book your appointment.

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**Greatstone**

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Two bedroom semi detached chalet bungalow. The property benefits from downstairs shower room, rear garden, garage workshop and has the advantage of being sold with no chain.

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**£135,000**

viewing is recommended of this very well presented two bedroom first floor flat. The property comprises: entrance hall, living room, fitted kitchen, en suite



bathroom to bedroom one and a further bathroom.

## RIVER

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Stunning uninterrupted sea views and Sandgate location, share of freehold, two bedrooms, garage, immediate viewing recommended.



## TEMPLE EWELL

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**£130,000**

Quirky two bedroom semi detached cottage in need of modernisation in popular village of Temple Ewell.

## DOVER

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**OIEO £125,000**

Three bedroom semi detached home with living room, kitchen/diner, off street parking and front and rear gardens.

## FOLKESTONE

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**£99,995**

West End location, one bedroom, no chain, viewing recommended.

## FOLKESTONE

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**£114,995**

This flat comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. The property is double glazed and is offered for sale with no chain.

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WHITFIELD OIEO £174,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03093

- 3 bedroom semi detached
- Superb decorative order
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CHERITON OIEO £204,995

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- Modern 4 bedroom family home
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- Lounge/Diner
- DG and GCH



CHERITON £214,995

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- No forward chain
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WEST END £174,995

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- Cellar and no chain



DOVER £144,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03069

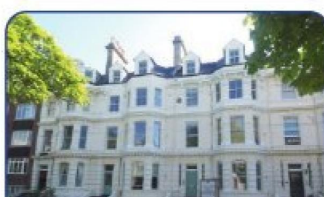
- 4 bedroom terrace
- GFCH & DG
- Private rear garden



CHERITON £144,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03102

- Three bed terraced house
- Separate dining room
- DG/GCH and garden



WEST END £129,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02994

- New 2 bedroom apartment
- Large rooms
- No chain



CHERITON £199,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03010

- 3 bed detached
- Garage and driveway
- Private rear garden



FOLKESTONE £86,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03071

- One bedroom first floor flat
- Large lounge
- Built-in wardrobes



FOLKESTONE £359,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03092

- 8 bedroom semi detached
- 5 bathrooms
- No chain



CHERITON £118,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03127

- 2 bedroom terrace
- Private rear garden
- No chain



CHERITON £179,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02098

- 3 bedroom flat
- Large rooms
- New kitchen and bathroom



FOLKESTONE £380,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03126

- 3 bedroom detached
- Approx 1.5 acres of land
- No chain



FOLKESTONE £94,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03088

- One bedroom flat
- Private rear garden
- Close to the town centre



FOLKESTONE £104,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03110

- 2 bed purpose built flat
- Balcony
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- 60 FT rear garden



FOLKESTONE £199,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03031

- 3 bed semi detached bungalow
- OSP and garage
- 110FT rear garden



FOLKESTONE £184,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03108

- 3 Bedroom semi detached
- Popular location
- Must be seen



FOLKESTONE £169,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03063

- Two bed garden apartment
- Convenient location
- Viewing essential



WEST END £108,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03038

- Superb one bed flat
- Kitchen/Diner
- High standard/No chain



DOVER £349,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03028

- Investment opportunity
- No chain
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DOVER £105,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02842

- Two double bed flat
- Study
- NO CHAIN



CHERITON £199,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03072

- Quiet Cul-De-Sac location
- 2 bed detached bungalow
- Garage and parking



FOLKESTONE £235,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03123

- 3 bedroom first floor apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower room and bathroom



FOLKESTONE OIEO £88,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02306

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- 2 bathrooms and no chain
- Private rear garden



FOLKESTONE £159,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02440

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- Split level, own garden



DOVER £79,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02834

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor with Parking
- No Chain



FOLKESTONE £128,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03062

- 2 bedroom house
- Superb renovation
- No chain



FOLKESTONE £159,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03132

- 4 bedroom terrace
- Double fronted
- GFCH/DG



FOLKESTONE £129,500

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03066

- Two bedroom end of terrace
- GCH/Part double glazed
- Garden



WEST END £249,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03050

- 3 bed flat
- Private garden
- Garage



WEST END £144,950

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02526

- 3 Bedrooms top floor flat
- Views over Grimston Gardens
- No chain, share of freehold



FOLKESTONE £164,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03111

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Off street parking
- No chain



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## MOTORS NEWS



### Five-star Astra given lift with safety ratings

VAUXHALL'S eagerly-awaited all-new British-built Astra has received a major lift ahead of its showroom debut on 11 December.

The sixth generation of the family hatchback secured a maximum five-stars in the newly-upweighted Euro NCAP safety test. The Astra result included the most points ever awarded in the category for the new car's active head restraints, which protect against whiplash – the most common occupant injury suffered when a car is struck from behind.



### Blue and white legend of Gordini makes return

RENAULT has preferred the 'Williams' and 'Renaultsport' labels to glamorise performance models yet ignored a motorsport name from the past – Gordini.

Amédée 'The Sorcerer' Gordini developed his own racing stable and Grand Prix cars before being hired by Renault in the mid-1950s and lending his name to many road and racing classics before the branding disappeared around 1980.

The name plus its famous blue and twin white stripe racing livery will be revived next year though by Twingo (pictured) and Clio Gordinis next year.



### Nissan shows that cool car is hip to be square

NISSAN is hyping interest in its new Cube in the hope it can become a cult car like the Fiat 500 and BMW Mini.

It already enjoys that status in its native Japan and UK customers can judge whether a car can be cool as well as square when it arrives here in January.

It defies categorisation, but is closest to being an MPV with a huge cabin allowed by a long wheelbase that has moved the wheels to the extremities of the cubic design.



**THE WAY AHEAD?:** Although not a stunning car to drive, Honda's petrol-hybrid the Insight is cheaper than its arch-rival the Toyota Prius and should average well over 60mpg

# Honda gives an insight into future of motoring

## ROAD TEST HONDA INSIGHT

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

financially against the above rivals. It also undercuts its Prius arch-rival (from £18,590), though you still pay £35/road tax as CO2 emissions are not low enough to reach the free zone.

Expect it to be bulletproof too, with Honda stating the batteries will outlast the car itself.

A genuine five-seat cabin with flat rear floor means the centre back passenger does not feel cramped and a 408-litre boot also beats most rival family hatchbacks, but falls short of the slightly longer Prius (446).

It is not a stunning car to drive though and gearchanging is managed by a smooth continuously variable (CVT) gearbox, but we are entering an era of lower emissions and energy-saving tyres. At least you get an eye-catching dash, with aids to extract the best environmentally and financially from a new 87bhp 1.3-litre engine and 12bhp electric motor combining to offer 0-62mph in a respectable 12.5 seconds.

The latter looks pathetic on paper, but electric motors offer lots of grunt versus weight and virtually instantaneous power, not that the Insight encourages racy driving; whether you press the 'Econ' button for ultra-green mode or not you soon learn to use the throttle sensitively for a green glow of eco success.



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**C-MAX**, 1.8TDCI ZETEC 5DR - PRIVACY, nl08ysv, esp, privacy glass, quickclear, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, extra seats, folding rear seats, gln09ub, climate control, privacy glass, silver, 4000 miles, £14995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 ZETEC 5DR [115] [CLIMATE PACK], gl06ztt, abs, alloy wheels, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, 3x3 point rear seat belts, alarm, audio remote control, body coloured bumpers, cloth seat trim, drivers airbag, electricdoor mirrors, front electric windows, front fog lights, front head restraints, heated door mirrors, height adjustable drivers seat, isofix child seat anchor points, pas, rear wiper, remote central locking, solid paint, steering wheel rake adjustment, steering wheel reach adjustment, trip computer, space saver spare wheel, silver, 30687 miles, £7295, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 2.0 TDCI TITANIUM 3DR LEATHER SPORT PACK XENONS, fy58byx, sport pack, titanium x pack, 18 alloy wheels, air conditioning, alloy wheels, electric windows, side airbags, radio/cd, quickclear heated screen, sony privacy glass, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, anti theft system, central locking, colour coding body, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, foglights, front armrest, folding rear seats, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, spoiler, rear headrests, black, 24871 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 2.0 TDCI TITANIUM 5DR [DPF] POWERSHIFT, ow08ebc, metallic moon dust, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, side airbags, radio/cd, alarm, front electric windows, rear electric windows, solid paint, space saver spare wheel, partial leather seat trim, silver, 26850 miles, £13695, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 2.5 ST-2 3DRCLIMATE CONTROL, ro56xcu, climate control, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, headlight washers, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, traction control, 3x3 point rear seat belts, alarm, audio remote control, body coloured bumpers, cloth seat trim, drivers airbag, electricdoor mirrors, front electric windows, front fog lights, front head restraints, heated door mirrors, height adjustable drivers seat, pas, rear wiper, remote central locking, solid paint, 31321 miles, £12295, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, 2.0 TDCI CC-3 2DR LUX PACK, rv57uvh, metallic argento, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, balance of 3 year warranty, rain sensing wipers, esp, sony cd, front fog lights, heated door mirrors, rear electric windows, steering wheel rake adjustment, steering wheel reach adjustment, leather upholstery, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, anti theft system, cd multichanger, central locking, climate control, colour coding body, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, heated screen, silver, 19000 miles, £13495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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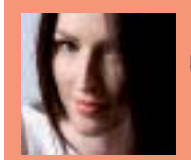
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**WHAT YOU SEE...** Young looking 36 year old, 5'4, brown eyes, slim, one daughter, hard working, very sincere and caring, genuine, GSOH, seeks similar male 33-43. Rochester. Box 460307

**STARRY NIGHTS** Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

**HISTORIC MEETING?** Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

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**NO TIES** Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573

**TAKE A LITTLE TIME** Social lady, 41, 5'3", gosh, likes family life, going out, cinema, walks, staying in, seeking a fun male for company. Sheerness. Box 461145

**TOUGH BUT TENDER** Loving single mum, 40, likes clubbing but especially nights in with a scary film, seeking loyal, tough, tender man to share my life with. Whitstable. Box 461047

**CAN'T SMILE WITHOUT YOU** Professional female, 41, 5ft, brown hair/eyes, likes country pubs and walks, looking for a gent, 42-55, to share a happy future with. Gillingham Box 462538

**BETWEEN US** Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900

**FOR A RELATIONSHIP?** Shy but confident-once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

**TLC ON OFFER** Bubbly, happy, outgoing 41yr old female, enjoy life to the full, like writing, walking, watching DVDs, with like-minded, happy-go-lucky, clean male for friendship and more. Box 459271

**HAPPY TIMES ARE HERE TO STAY** Single mum, 42, 5'16, likes fun nights out, cinema, meals out, cuddles and kisses, looking for a fun-loving gentleman to share happy times with. Ashford. Box 459892

**LOVE IS ALL AROUND** Happy-go-lucky, bubbly blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley. Box 454517

**HELLO EVERYONE!** Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTW a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford. Box 454569

**DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?** Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5'9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pub, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5'10+. Box 461129

**SHOW ME LOVE** Active sporty female, 43, enjoys the usual things in life, looking for someone genuine and honest, initially for friendship but then who knows? Tunbridge Wells. Box 868335

**TALL ORDER** Curvy lady, 5'10, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020

**LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL!** Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5'10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

**ACTIVE TYPE** Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 42, 5'13, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, WLTW honest, fun, mixed race/black gent, for lasting relationship. Box 451819

**ANOTHER CHAPTER** Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

**SWEET AS HONEY** Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing. Looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

**HOW YOU DOING?** Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459129

**ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL** Young-looking 46yr old female, 5'14, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5'10, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

**A REAL DIAMOND** African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoys most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury Box 460999

**MAKE IT OPEN UP** Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTW male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

**ETERNALLY YOURS** Easygoing woman, likes most things in life, country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5'12, medium build. WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

**ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?** Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

**MAKE A DATE** Friendly female, 48, blonde, blue eyes, medium build, likes most things, seeking a nice, genuine male 48-52. Canterbury. Box 460951

**MAKE IT ENJOYABLE** Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460886

**LIKE MINDS** Single female, 49, enjoy a varied social life going out, terpin bowling, out for meals, cinema, travelling, looking to meet someone with similar interests. Eastbourne. Box 866286

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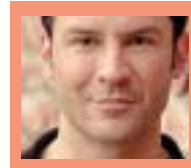
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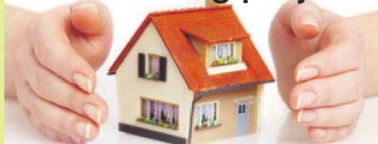
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BATTLE: Dover collected two vital points

# Dover's win wasn't a pretty one at Aylesford

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### Aylesford Bulls 10 Dover 20

and the winger waltzed through to score with Dan Harvey adding the extras.

Once more the pendulum swung Dover's way and when Trigger Davison embarked on a fine break, the ball was eventually fed wide to Mackintosh and he went over to put the Sharks ahead.

However, poor handling and a series of basic errors allowed Bulls back into the game

and Harvey slotted a penalty to send the sides in level at ten apiece at the break.

The second-half was a scrappy affair, even fractious at times, with both sides having a man sin-binned following an altercation shortly after the interval. With defences on top, Dover edged ahead courtesy of Ford's boot but the Bulls held firm to keep the deficit to three until the last minute.

Then, Martyn Beaumont broke through the home defence and laid the pass on for Mackintosh to finally put the game beyond Aylesford, whose 12th defeat in as many games was, in truth, harsh.

Picture: ADY KERRY



CHOSEN: Royal Cinque Ports in Deal is one of the county courses chosen for championships in 2013

## Two Kent courses will swing into action for 2013 championships

TWO Kent golf courses are celebrating after they were selected to co-host the 118th Amateur Championship in 2013.

Royal Cinque Ports in Deal and Prince's in Sandwich will stage the tournament, which is among the most highly prized individual titles in the amateur game. The links courses, both former hosts of the tournament, will share the stroke play qualifying stage before Royal Cinque Ports hosts the final match play rounds.

The quality of the field is extremely high, as shown when the tournament last came to Kent in 2006. Among the golfers competing at Prince's and neighbouring Royal St George's was Rory McIlroy, now ranked number 10 in the world.

It marks a renaissance for Royal Cinque Ports after undergoing an expensive six-year redevelopment to bring the course back up to championship standard.

Ken Hannah, club secretary, said: "This vindicates our policy of investing in the course. We're all thrilled because it has brought it back to its rightful place among the championship venues."

The announcement is the latest good news for golf in east Kent. Both clubs are staging significant amateur tournaments before 2013, plus local final qualifying when The Open Championship comes to Royal St George's in 2011. The Tillman Trophy and Carris Trophy will be played at Royal Cinque Ports over the next two years, while Prince's has the McGregor Trophy next summer.

Prince's is being remodelled in preparation for the upcoming events and chief executive Michael Lovett is keen for the club to be seen to host championships.

He said: "There's a huge ambition to be involved in these tournaments. It's good for the profile of the club and it helps keep the course at the standard we want to achieve."

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THREAT: Frannie Collin (above left) caused Thurrock's defence problems during a game in which Dover scored a 90th-minute winner, sparking major celebrations at Crabble (right)

# Crabble erupts after seeing Southall net a late winner

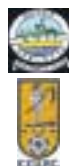
## FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERVET

### Dover Athletic 1

Southall 90

### Thurrock 0



NICKY Southall scored a last-minute winner to sink a brave Thurrock side and hand Dover their first league win at Crabble since mid-September.

Not since the two sides met even earlier in the season had the Whites kept a clean sheet in Blue Square South, so Andy Hessenthaler was understandably delighted at the final whistle.

The goal was Southall's third in as many matches, and the calmness of his finish was in contrast to the mad scramble which preceded it. The win keeps Dover second, three points clear of third-placed Woking but still chasing

Newport County who scored a resounding 3-0 victory at lowly Lewes.

Hessenthaler said: "We have been suffering a sticky period so to win and pick up a clean sheet will give us a massive psychological boost. I hope we have now turned a corner, but I never get too carried away with results because I know how quickly things can turn in football."

"I have been massively impressed by the way Nicky is playing and being the captain seems to have helped him. It's hard to tell that he's coming up to his 38th birthday."

In a cagey start, chances were at a premium and neither goalkeeper was unduly troubled. In attack for Dover, Shaun Welford was proving a handful for the Thurrock defence, while Matt Bodkin fired wide from a narrow angle at the other end.

Frannie Collin, Dover's main threat in the first period, delivered a superb cross to the back post, but Southall was forced to crane his neck to make contact upon arrival and the chance was gone.

After the break, it was the visitors who went closest to an opener but Matt Judge somehow missed the target from a yard with the goal at his mercy, after Whites goalkeeper John Whitehouse had spilled the ball in the box.

Spurred on by the let-off, Dover poured forth

### Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Hughes (Collin 80)

ward in search of a winner and Birchall's shot was blocked after Welford had headed a cross into his path.

With time almost up, Southall broke Thurrock hearts with a curling effort that crept in via a post, to the ecstasy of the Crabble crowd and the satisfaction of his manager.

"I think we deserved the victory," said Hessenthaler. "It was a tight game, but if it was a boxing match we would have won on points. Thurrock caused us a number of problems but we dealt with them well and luckily Nicky was there to pop up and score a winner."

Dover travelled to Staines Town last night – log on to [www.yourdover.co.uk](http://www.yourdover.co.uk) for the match details.

Picture: SIMON HARRIS





# Cugley lavishes praise on table-topping Seasideers

## FOOTBALL

BY YOURSHEPWAY REPORTER

### Folkestone Invicta 3

Chappell 17, Smith 27, Vincent 63

### Burgess Hill Town 1

Lansdale 39 pen

NEIL Cugley admits he has been shocked by the performances of his Folkestone side this season and is astonished to still be sitting joint top of Ryman One South.

The Invicta manager, who revealed there had been uncertainties as to whether the club would even start the season, said his players had earned the right to be where they were in the table, and that the side's eight-match unbeaten run would only breed further belief.

He said: "The players have been outstanding and all credit to them for getting to the beginning of December having lost just one league game. It's an incredible achievement and they deserve all the praise they're getting."

"Because they keep doing it, the confidence is kicking in now and they have self-belief."

"I'm shocked to be so far up the table, I thought we might be just outside the play-offs and having a bit of a roller-coaster



FORWARD PUSH: Darren Smith was among the scorers

season, but we've really been so consistent."

Cugley described Invicta's 3-1 win at home to Burgess Hill on Saturday as their best display of the season so far, but also had a word of praise for their opponents, who bucked the trend by bringing a positive approach to the Buzzlines Stadium.

Frankie Chappell gave the home side the lead in the 17th minute when Jimmy Jackson returned a corner into the box and he applied a neat left-footed finish. It was 2-0 ten minutes

### Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Thompson (Jackson 88), Williams (J. Everitt 88)

later, a move of real quality involving Simon Austin and James Everitt allowing Darren Smith to burst forward from midfield and finish well.

However, the lead was halved six minutes before the break when Michael Everitt was adjudged to have fouled Matt Percival in the box and John Lansdale slotted home the penalty kick.

If Cugley was displeased at the decision to award the spot-kick, his smile returned when Josh Vincent made it 3-1, heading home after good work by Smith and Josh Burchell down the Folkestone left.

Cugley said: "We played ever so well, maybe the best we've done all season. With the position we're in, a lot of teams come to put men behind the ball but fair play to Burgess Hill, they came to win which made it an open game."

"To have 40 points by the end of November is incredible really and even if things went off the rails a bit, I wouldn't care because of what's been achieved already."

## RUGBY



Picture: IOR KIPPO

SHAMBLES: Folkestone's defeat at Park House was their worst performance of the season and lacked discipline

## Woeful Stones put in abject House display

### Park House 16 Folkestone 3

FOLKESTONE turned in a desperately poor performance at Park House, with bad decision-making and a lack of discipline costing Lee Jeffrey's side dear.

The visitors' cause was not helped by the unavailability of nine first-team players before a ball was kicked, and Folkestone then lost prop Mart Korgesaar five minutes into the match, the Estonian having injured his back in the warm-up.

Despite all this, however, it was Folkestone who put the first score on the board when Keith Green kicked an early penalty to give the visitors a 3-0 lead.

The Stones then pushed the self-destruct button, though, and Park House were able to run in a try from 60 metres out with no challenge of any significance offered by the visitors.

With the extras added to make it 7-3, Folkestone's play became more and more ragged with aimless kicks handing possession back to Park House time and again.

Two penalties for the hosts extended the half-time lead to ten points, and Folkestone were further hurt as the protesting of Park House led to three Stones players being shown the yellow card over the course of the game.

Having to play for 30 minutes with only 14 men made the Stones' task almost insurmountable and although Park House only added three more points to their score after the break, they were unfortunate not to be awarded a try when the referee was unable to see through a pile of bodies.

In addition to the Stones' own shortcomings, the day was also soured by the unsporting tactics of the home side, who took every opportunity to waste time and niggly players and supporters alike.

With a crucial home game against Brighton coming up on Saturday, there is much to be done if Folkestone are to recover from this damaging ordeal.

## LEAGUE TABLES

(not including midweek games)

### BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	18	13	4	1	+25	43
2 Dover Athletic	19	11	2	6	+11	35
3 Woking	18	9	4	4	+9	32
4 Thurrock	17	9	4	4	+10	31
5 Basingstoke Town	20	8	5	7	-3	29
6 Bishop's Cleeve	18	8	4	6	+7	28
7 Braintree Town	17	7	7	3	+4	28
8 Bromley	17	7	4	5	+3	28
9 Chelmsford City	19	8	4	7	-2	28
10 Eastleigh	18	7	5	6	+8	26
11 Maidenhead United	20	6	7	7	+3	25
12 Havant & Waterlooville	17	6	7	4	+3	25
13 Welling United	19	7	4	8	-2	25
14 Bath City	17	6	6	5	+3	24
15 Staines Town	17	5	8	4	+1	23
16 St Albans City	18	6	4	8	-1	22
17 Hampton & Richmond	17	5	7	4	+6	21
18 Dorking Town	19	5	3	11	-13	18
19 Worcester City	19	3	7	9	-5	16
20 Weston-super-Mare	19	4	4	11	-10	16
21 Lewes	18	2	7	9	-14	13
22 Weymouth	19	2	4	13	-31	10

### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Worthing	19	13	1	5	+20	40
2 Folkestone Invicta	17	12	4	1	+45	40
3 Godalming Town	16	11	2	3	+15	35
4 Walton & Hersham	17	9	4	4	+6	31
5 Croydon Athletic	15	8	5	2	+20	29
6 Fleet Town	17	9	2	6	+11	29
7 Merstham	17	8	3	6	+1	27
8 Chatham Town	19	8	3	8	-2	27
9 Ramsgate	16	7	4	5	+5	25
10 Metropolitan Police	18	5	7	6	+5	22
11 Sittingbourne	15	6	4	5	+3	22
12 Dulwich Hamlet	18	5	7	6	-2	22
13 Burgess Hill Town	15	6	3	9	0	21
14 Corinthian Casuals	18	6	3	9	-4	21
15 Whyteleafe	18	6	2	10	+1	20
16 Walton Casuals	16	5	4	7	-3	19
17 Leatherhead	15	5	3	7	+1	18
18 Hersham YMCA	16	3	6	7	-15	15
19 Eastbourne Town	17	3	5	9	-9	14
20 Whitstable Town	17	4	1	12	-23	13
21 Ashford Town	16	2	5	9	-27	11
22 Chipstead	16	2	4	10	-18	10

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	13	10	2	1	+22	32
2 Herne Bay	12	8	1	3	+10	25
3 Erith & Belvedere	12	8	0	4	+3	24
4 Sevenoaks Town	12	6	3	3	+8	21
5 Beckenham Town	12	6	1	5	+8	19
6 Erith Town	11	5	3	3	+7	18
7 Tunbridge Wells	12	4	6	2	+6	18
8 Hythe Town	9	5	2	2	+16	17
9 Greenwich Borough	12	4	3	5	+2	15
10 Sporting Bengal United	11	4	2	5	-10	14
11 Norton Sports	11	4	1	6	-2	13
12 Deal Town	10	3	3	4	-7	12
13 Fisher	15	3	2	10	-8	11
14 Holmesdale	12	3	1	8	-8	10
15 Corinthian	9	1	3	5	-32	6
16 Lordswood	11	0	3	8	-21	3

## FIXTURES

(Saturday): Blue Square South: Bromley v Dover Athletic; Ryman One South: Horsham YMCA v Folkestone Invicta; Kent League Premier Division: Deal Town v Corinthian; Hythe Town v Tunbridge Wells

# Awesome foursome from Porter's improving Hythe

## FOOTBALL

### Fisher 0 Hythe Town 4

MIKE Yianni now has six goals in his last seven games, after scoring twice in Hythe's rout of Fisher – a third consecutive win, and clean sheet, for Scott Porter's side.

Hythe are starting to build some real momentum and this performance was one of utter dominance, with free-flowing attacking play offset by a steely defensive determination, which highlighted just why Town have the meanest goals-against record in the Kent League.

Pat Kingwell started the ball rolling as early as the first minute, rising high to head home Lee Winfield's corner, and from that point, the result was a foregone conclusion.

After Elstrom Die had seen his overhead kick rebound off the post, Dave Cook was denied by the fingertips of Adam Lisney.

Yianni's first goal arrived midway through the half, good play by Cook and Kieran Byrne allowing the striker to run through and smash a shot into the top right-hand corner.

The chances kept coming as Fisher wilted, Cook's bullet header tipped over by Lisney and Yianni then twice denied in quick succession – first by the assistant's flag for off-side and then by George Savage's goalline clearance.

Six minutes before the break it was 3-0, Tom Adlington and Ian Batten combining well to create the opening for Cook, who sent a looping shot past Lisney for his 11th of the season.



Picture: IOR KIPPO

OPENER: Pat Kingwell scored inside 60 seconds to send Hythe on their way to a resounding victory against Fisher

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